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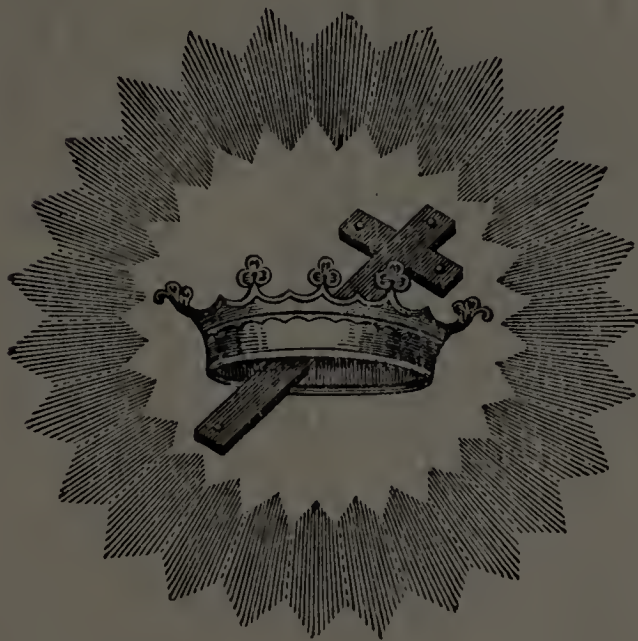
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## Camden Commandery

No. 23, Knights Templar  
CAMDEN, MAINE

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CHARTERED FEBRUARY 10, 1905



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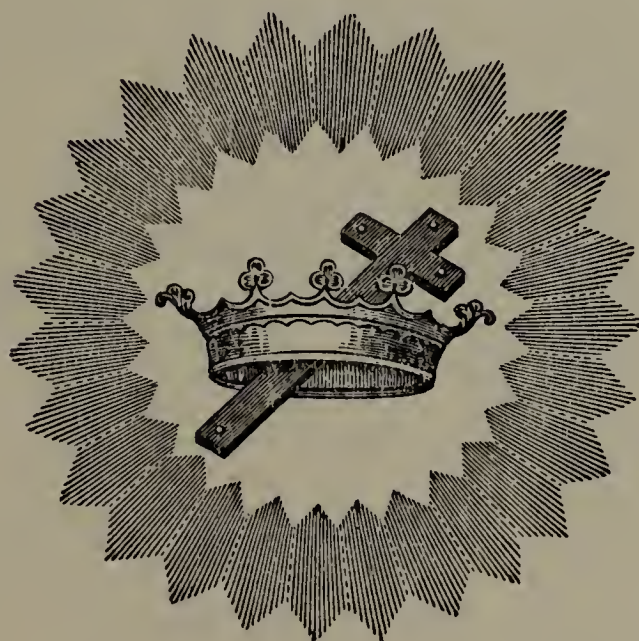
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## Officers of Camden Commandery, 1929-1930

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Charles E. Moore	Eminent Commander
Fred W. Elwell	Generalissimo
Fessenden W. Miller	Captain General
George E. Boynton	Senior Warden
John F. Mathews	Junior Warden
William F. Rankin	Prelate
Charles C. Wood	Treasurer
John L. Tewksbury	Recorder
Adin L. Hopkins	Standard Bearer
Alphonso S. Prince	Sword Bearer
Elmer E. Joyce	Warder
Arthur H. Walker	Sentinel
Arthur T. Mullen	Guard
Leslie D. Ames	} Auditing Committee
George E. Allen	
Zelma M. Dwinal	





#### PAST COMMANDERS OF CAMDEN COMMANDERY

Back row: Reuel Robinson, E. E. Boynton, C. G. Weaver, A. F. Beverage, W. F. Rankin  
Middle row: G. E. Allen, J. L. Tewksbury, L. D. Ames, J. F. Burgess  
Front row: H. D. Small, H. S. Corthell, F. J. McDonnell, A. O. Pillsbury, W. L. Bassick



## *Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Committee*

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Eminent Sir Leslie D. Ames, Chairman

Fessenden W. Miller, Secretary

Charles C. Wood, Treasurer

Eminent Sir Harold S. Corthell

Eminent Sir Benjamin C. G. Burkett

Eminent Sir William F. Rankin

Eminent Sir Charles E. Moore

Eminent Sir Alfred F. Beverage

Sir John Taylor

Sir Frank E. Morrow

Sir Sophus Hansen

Sir Zelma M. Dwinal

Sir Daniel J. Dickens

Sir M. Alton French



*Camden, Maine, March 29, 1904.*

*To the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Maine:*

The undersigned petitioners respectfully represent that they are Knights Templar in good and regular standing, that they have the prosperity of the order at heart, and that they desire to promote its interests.

In order that a greater opportunity may be afforded them for the same, they are desirous of forming a new Commandery to be located at Camden, Me., and to be known as Camden Commandery.

They have nominated and do hereby recommend Sir Knight, Leander M. Kenniston to be their first Eminent Commander, Sir Knight Joseph F. Shepherd to be their first Generalissimo, and Sir Knight Elkanah E. Boynton to be their first Captain General of said new Commandery, and they pray for a Dispensation empowering them to meet as a regular Commandery at Camden, Maine, in the County of Knox, there to discharge the duties of Knights Templar in a constitutional manner.

Should the prayer of the petitioners be granted they promise a strict obedience to the commands of the Right Eminent Grand Commander, to the statutes and regulations of the Grand Commandery of Maine, the constitution and laws of the Grand Encampment, as well as to the usages of the order. Signed: Leander M. Kenniston, Sylvester L. Arau, Stephen G. Ritterbush, Thomas D. French, Thomas A. Hunt, Forrest G. Currier, Charles G. Weaver, Dunbar W. Pierson, Frank O. Clark, Charles A. Wilson, Joseph A. Brewster, Reuel Robinson, George A. Tuttle, Luie M. Chandler, J. Washburn Ingraham, George E. Allen, Fred K. Allen, Edwin C. Fletcher, George T. Hodgman, Elkanah E. Boynton, George W. Varney, Willard S. Giles, Horace W. Stewart, William H. Young, J. Frederick Norwood, Stephen Weidman, James N. Fowler, Herbert L. Shepherd, J. Tyleston Gould, Williston Grinnell, Job H. Montgomery, Cyrus P. Brown, Edwin T. Amesbury, Frank A. Magune, Edward J. Wardwell, Francis J. French.

Claremont Commandery, No. 9, of Rockland, to which



most of the petitioners belonged, gave their consent to the formation of the new Commandery in the following resolution.

To the Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Maine:

At a stated Conclave of Claremont Commandery, No. 9, holden in Masonic Hall, Rockland on the 16th day of February, 1905.

The petition of several Sir Knights praying for a Dispensation to open a new Commandery at Camden, in the County of Knox, and the State of Maine, was duly laid before the Commandery when it was voted, that this Commandery give its consent that said Dispensation be granted.

A Dispensation was issued February 10, 1905 by Ermon D. Eastman, Grand Commander, permitting Camden Commandery to meet and confer the Commandery degrees. It also ratified the appointment of Sir Knight, Leander M. Kenniston as Eminent Commander, Sir Knight Joseph F. Shepherd as Generalissimo, and Sir Knight Elkanah E. Boynton as Captain General, the Dispensation to run until the next Conclave of the Grand Commandery.

At the first stated conclave February 14, 1905, the following officers were appointed:

Charles A. Wilson	Senior Warden
J. Tyleston Gould	Junior Warden
Charles G. Weaver	Prelate
George A. Tuttle	Treasurer
George E. Allen	Recorder
George T. Hodgman	Standard Bearer
Joseph A. Brewster	Sword Bearer
Frank O. Clark	Warder
Forrest G. Currier	Sentinel
Stephen G. Ritterbush	} Guards
Luie M. Chandler	
George W. Varney	

At this conclave the application of James F. Burgess, H. Jay Potter and Alfred F. Beverage were received and referred to a Committee of Inquiry.

It was voted that the fees for the orders should be forty dollars and that the stated conclaves should be held on the second Tuesday of each month. A committee on Asylum was also appointed who later arranged with Amity Lodge, No. 6, for the use of the lodge rooms as an Asylum.

A committee on paraphernalia was appointed and it was voted to borrow five hundred dollars to pay for the same.

The first degree of the Commandery was conferred upon James F. Burgess, March 21, 1905, H. Jay Potter received the Red Cross degree March 28th, and Alfred F. Beverage the Red Cross degree April 4, 1905.

At the session of the Grand Commandery held at Portland, May 4, 1905, it was voted not to grant a Charter to Camden Commandery, and the Sir Knights of Camden Commandery presented a new petition to the Grand Commandery at the next year's session which was favorably received, and the Charter granted May 3, 1906 to take precedence as of February 10, 1905.

The Charter reads as follows:

To all true and courteous Knights:

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar and the Appendant Orders for the State of Maine Sendeth Greetings:

Whereas, a petition has been presented to us by Leander M. Kenniston, George E. Allen, Stephen G. Ritterbush, Charles G. Weaver, George T. Hodgman, George A. Tuttle, Charles A. Wilson, Willard S. Giles, George S. Shorkley, Thomas A. Hunt, Frederick K. Allen, Luie M. Chandler, Dunbar W. Pierson, Joseph A. Brewster, Job W. Ingraham, George W. Varney, Reuel Robinson, Edwin C. Fletcher, Williston Grinnell, Thomas D. French, Elkanah E. Boynton, Edward J. Wardwell, Sylvester L. Arau, Cyrus P. Brown, Horace W. Stewart, Job H. Montgomery, J. Tyleston Gould, Joseph F. Shepherd, Herbert L. Shepherd, Edwin T. Amesbury, Stephen Y. Weidman, James N. Fowler, Jacob N. Hary, William H. Young, George S. Clark, and Frank Magune, all Knights Templar in good standing, praying that they, with such others as shall hereafter join them, may be constituted a regular Com-



mandery of Knights Templar, and no cause adverse to the granting the said petition to us appearing.

Know ye, therefore, that we, the Grand Commandery aforesaid, reposing special confidence and trust in the Fidelity of the Sir Knights above named, and for the pur-

*George W. Gower*  
*Grand Commander*

*Sanford L. Fogg*  
*Deputy*  
*Grand Commander*

Seal

pose of diffusing the benefits of the order, and promoting the happiness of man, by virtue of power in us vested, do constitute and appoint them, the said Sir Knights, a regular Commandery of Knights Templar under the title and designation of Camden Commandery, No. 23, hereby giving and granting unto them, their associates and successors, full power and authority to convene as such within the town of Camden, County of Knox, and State of Maine

aforesaid, and therein to confer the several orders of Knight of the Red Cross, Knights Templar, and Knight of Malta, upon such person, or persons possessing the requisite qualifications, as they may think proper, agreeably to the usages and customs of said orders. They are also authorized to make and establish any good and wholesome By-laws and Regulations for the government of said Commandery, not inconsistent with the statutes and regulations of this Grand Commandery, or of the Grand Encampment of the United States; and the same at pleasure to alter or repeal.

And we do hereby require of the Commander, Generalissimo, and Captain General of said Commandery, for the time being, that they attend regularly either in person or by their proxies, all regular Conclaves of the Grand Commandery; also that they cause a fair record of their proceedings to be kept, and laid before the Grand Commandery when required.

And we enjoin upon the officers and members of said Commandery, that they pay due respect to our Grand Commandery and to the Statutes and Regulations thereof; and conform in all their proceedings to the Constitu-

tion and Edicts of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

And we do hereby declare the PRECEDENCE of said Commandery, in the Grand Commandery and elsewhere to commence from February 10, 1905.

In testimony Whereof, We, the Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, and Grand Captain General have hereunto subscribed our names and caused the Seal of the Grand Commandery to be affixed and the same to be attested by the Grand Recorder this third day of May, A. L. 5906, A. D., 1906, and A. O. 788.

ARNO W. KING

Grand Generalissimo

MANNING S. CAMPBELL

Grand Captain General

By order of the Grand Commandery at annual Conclave for A. O. 788.

Attest:

STEPHEN BERRY,

Grand Recorder

Camden Commandery was constituted Friday, June 28, 1906, by the officers of the Grand Commandery, according to the following record from the Recorder's book.

"Acting according to the order of the Grand Commander, the petitioning members for the Camden Commandery met at Masonic hall, together with Claremont Commandery, No. 9, of Rockland, and De Valois Commandery, No. 16, Vinalhaven, and proceeding to the wharf of the Eastern Steamship Company, met Palestine Commandery, No. 14, of Belfast, and formed a procession headed by the Rockland Military Band, marched the principal streets of Camden, returning to the Masonic Hall, where a most bountiful banquet was served. Plates were laid for one hundred and fifty and a very fine salmon supper was served, with music by Bucklin's Orchestra. Following the banquet, Camden Commandery was constituted by the usual ceremonies, after which the following officers



were elected and appointed and installed by the Grand Commander:

Leander M. Kenniston	Eminent Commander
Joseph F. Shepherd	Generalissimo
Elkanah E. Boynton	Captain General
Reuel Robinson	Senior Warden
J. Tyleston Gould	Junior Warden
Charles G. Weaver	Prelate
George A. Tuttle	Treasurer
George E. Allen	Recorder
George T. Hodgman	Standard Bearer
George S. Clark	Sword Bearer
Joseph A. Brewster	Warder
Dunbar W. Pierson	Sentinel
S. G. Ritterbush	} Guards
Luie M. Chandler	
George W. Varney	

At the stated Conclave of August 14, 1906 the report of the Committee on By-laws was accepted and the By-laws adopted at the stated Conclave September 11th.

October 2, 1906, James F. Burgess was knighted, the first to receive this degree in the new Commandery. Others knighted this year were, Alfred F. Beverage, Oct. 16, H. Jay Potter and Ernest G. Lamb, Oct. 30.

### 1907

The Commandery was inspected January 29 by Sanford L. Fogg, V. E., Deputy Grand Commander, twenty-six members and fifteen visitors being present.

At the Annual Conclave February 12th, the Finance Committee made the following report:

Fees and dues collected by the Recorder	\$405
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#### Resources

Cash in hands of Treasurer	\$116.97
Cash in hands of Recorder	30.00
Uncollected dues	141.00

Total	<u>\$287.97</u>
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Liabilities, J. F. Shepherd note and bills \$386.87

Liabilities in excess of resources \$98.90

At the election of officers, the officers of the preceding year were re-elected.

The officers were installed February 26th by Eminent Sir Alexander Beaton of Claremont Commandery, No. 9, Rockland.

At this time Mrs. Charles G. Weaver on behalf of Seaside Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, presented the Commandery with a beautiful silk American flag, which was accepted by the Eminent Commander, and at the March Conclave, the following vote was passed: "Voted to extend to Seaside Chapter, O. E. S. a vote of thanks for the silk flag which was presented to the Commandery at its installation, and that the same be under the seal of the Commandery and over the signatures of the Eminent Commander and Recorder.

On Easter Sunday, March 21, thirty-two Sir Knights attended service at the Congregational Church upon invitation of the Pastor, Rev. L. D. Evans.

St. John's Day, Camden Commandery observed by uniting with Palestine Commandery, Belfast and Claremont Commandery, Rockland. A short parade was started in Camden, but a heavy shower broke it up. Camden Commandery then went to Rockland by steamer, where a short parade was held, after which the Commanderies boarded electric cars for Crescent Beach and enjoyed a shore dinner.

The following were knighted this year: William H. Eells, June 8; Wilfred C. Rodgers and Willard C. Howe, June 15; Fessenden W. Miller, February 5; Charles O. Montgomery and Samuel M. Butterfield, February 19; John F. Coombs, March 26; Lewis D. Evans, April 30; Charles P. Nash, affiliated May 14; Orris I. Gould, June 24; Jesse H. Ogier, November 19.

#### 1908

At the annual Conclave February 11, the following officers were elected:

Joseph F. Shepherd	Eminent Commander
Elkanah E. Boynton	Generalissimo
Reuel Robinson	Captain General



J. Tyleston Gould	Senior Warden
Charles G. Weaver	Junior Warden
Alfred F. Beverage	Prelate
George A. Tuttle	Treasurer
George E. Allen	Recorder
Joseph A. Brewster	Standard Bearer
George S. Clark	Sword Bearer
George W. Varney	Warder

At this conclave it was voted to change the date of the annual Conclave from February to September.

The newly elected officers with the following appointments, W. H. Eells, Sentinel, George T. Hodgman, Fessenden W. Miller, and Charles A. Wilson, Guards, were installed February 26th.

The ceremonies were held at the Opera House and Em. Sir Alexander Beaton of Claremont Commandery was the installing officer. Sir Knights, Amity Lodge, St. Paul's Lodge and King David's Lodge and their ladies, in all about four hundred and fifty, enjoyed dancing until a late hour.

The Commandery was inspected April 27 by Em. Sir Warren C. Philbrook, Grand Captain General, twenty-seven members and eight visitors being present.

The date of the annual conclave having been changed, another annual Conclave was held this year September 7 and the following officers elected:

Elkanah E. Boynton	Eminent Commander
Reuel Robinson	Generalissimo
J. Tyleston Gould	Captain General
Charles G. Weaver	Senior Warden
Alfred F. Beverage	Junior Warden
George W. Varney	Prelate
George A. Tuttle	Treasurer
John F. Coombs	Recorder
Samuel M. Butterfield	Standard Bearer
J. Mortimer Hill	Sword Bearer
Joseph A. Brewster	Warder

Finance Committee, Elkanah E. Boynton, Reuel Robinson, J. Tyleston Gould.

The officers elect and appointed officers as follows: William H. Eells, Sentinel, George T. Hodgman, Wilfred C. Rodgers and Fessenden W. Miller Guards, were publicly installed September 22 by E. Sir Leander M. Kenniston.

The Commandery was inspected December 8 by Harry R. Virgin, V. E., Deputy Grand Commander, thirty-five members and ten visitors being present.

The following were knighted this year: John F. Heald, April 7, Benjamin H. Paul, April 14, Elmer E. Ripley and Mortimer T. Hill, April 24, Charles C. Pullen, May 7, Pearl G. Willey May 12, Charles C. Wood May 26, Charles S. Nash, John E. Husby, and Albert H. Parsons, June 23, Frank J. Wiley, November 10, Nathaniel E. Cummings December 18, Sylvanus E. Frohock and Orborne A. Barbour, December 29.

#### 1909

By invitation of Rev. Sir S. E. Frohock, thirty-two members of the Commandery attended Divine Service at the Baptist Church, Easter Sunday, April 11th.

St. John's Day was observed by entertaining St. Aldemar Commandery of Houlton. Forty seven Sir Knights, accompanied by thirteen ladies and a band of thirty-two pieces arrived at 5 P. M. on June 23rd, a parade was made through the principal streets and the visiting Sir Knights and their ladies were escorted to Whitehall and the Hosmer House. At 8 P. M. the Sir Knights assembled at the Asylum and were escorted to the Opera House where a ball was held. On the 24th the visitors were given an automobile ride around the principal points of interest in the vicinity. At 10.30 the steamer "Rockland" was boarded for Eagle Island where a shore dinner was served, a sail through Fox Island Thoroughfare was enjoyed during the afternoon, arriving in Camden at 6 o'clock. A buffet lunch was served in the Banquet hall after which a social hour was enjoyed. The visitors left at 6 A. M. June 25th for Bangor where they were to be entertained by St. John's Commandery.

At the annual Conclave Sept. 14th the following officers were elected:



Reuel Robinson	Eminent Commander
J. Tyleston Gould	Generalissimo
Charles G. Weaver	Captain General
Alfred F. Beverage	Senior Warden
George W. Varney	Junior Warden
Jesse H. Ogier	Prelate
George A. Tuttle	Treasurer
Charles P. Nash	Recorder
John F. Coombs	Standard Bearer
George S. Clark	Sword Bearer
Charles A. Wilson	Warder

Finance Committee: Reuel Robinson, J. Tyleston Gould and Charles G. Weaver.

The officers elected with the following appointments: William H. Eells, Sentinel, George T. Hodgman, Charles C. Wood and George E. Allen, Guards and Elmer E. Ripley, U. S. Color Bearer, were publicly installed Oct. 5th. Following the installation, dancing was enjoyed in the Assembly Hall. The installing officer was Eminent Sir Leander M. Kenniston.

The following were knighted this year: Joseph R. Laird, January 12; Frank E. Morrow and Albert E. Lewis, March 2; Frederick E. Sylvester, May 11; Ernest I. Woster, May 25; Enos E. Ingraham and William E. Watson, May 25; Wilson D. Barron, June 15; Edwin Sanford, December 21.

### 1910

At the stated conclave March 9, it was voted to pay one fourth of the cost of a stereopticon lantern.

Easter Sunday, March 27th, the Sir Knights attended the Methodist Church upon invitation of Rev. Sir Joseph R. Laird.

On June 23rd forty-five members of the Commandery with twenty-five ladies and the Camden Band, left Camden for Houlton to be the guests of St. Aldemar Commandery. The Commandery arrived in Houlton about 1 o'clock and were welcomed most heartily not only by the Sir Knights of St. Aldemar Commandery but by the entire citizenship of Houlton. A royal and lavish entertain-

ment seldom equalled, never excelled, covered the entire visit. A grand ball was held the evening of the 23rd, and on the 24th the Commanderies went to Presque Isle for an outdoor dinner and automobile rides to nearby towns. The ladies of the Eastern Star were very attentive to our ladies and looked out for their every comfort during the stay. An exceptional, unique and magnanimous gift of a bear fresh from the hands of a taxidermist was presented to Camden Commandery as a perpetual token of their regard for us. Surely the Sir Knights of St. Aldemar and the ladies of the Eastern Star will be held in everlasting remembrance by the Sir Knights of Camden Commandery.

On July 25th the Commandery was honored by a visit from E. Sir Harry Howard, P. G. C., of Mississippi, who made an excellent and highly appreciated address at the close of the work of the evening.

August 2 the Commandery was called in special conclave to receive "Kelly", the bear, the gift of St. Aldemar Commandery. A parade was formed, forty-one strong, headed by the Camden Band. received the bear and conveyed him to the store of Em. Sir E. E. Boynton where he was displayed several days, before he was placed in a cabinet, specially prepared for him in the Prelate's Room at the Asylum.

At the Annual Conclave September 13, the following officers were elected:

J. Tyleston Gould	Eminent Commander
Charles G. Weaver	Generalissimo
Alfred F. Beverage	Captain General
Jesse H. Ogier	Senior Warden
Charles A. Wilson	Junior Warden
James F. Burgess	Prelate
George A. Tuttle	Treasurer
Charles P. Nash	Recorder
Nathaniel E. Cummings	Standard Bearer
George S. Clark	Sword Bearer

September 27 the officers elect and appointive officers as follows: William H. Eells, Sentinel, George T. Hodg-



man, Charles C. Wood and George E. Allen, Guards, were installed at a public installation by Eminent Sir Leander M. Kenniston. Dancing following the installation ceremonies.

November 8, under dispensation, Charles C. Pullen was elected and installed Warder.

The following were knighted this year: Henry J. Cole, February 18; George E. Grant, March 8; Elbert M. Crosby, George I. Thorndike and Bertram E. Packard, May 10; Edwin L. Clayter, May 24; Christian Hemple and Hiram R. Annis, May 31; John J. Paul and Henry Tolman, June 21; Frank O. Clark and Forrest G. Currier, affiliated July 12; Harry C. Richards, July 15.

### 1911

March 14th was the date of the Annual Inspection, the inspecting officer being, Elroy H. Mitchell, Eminent Grand Generalissimo.

April 16 upon invitation of Rev. George O. Richardson, the Sir Knights attended Easter Service at the Methodist Church, Rockport.

On June 23rd, twenty-eight Sir Knights made a pilgrimage to Bridgton to be the guests of Oriental Commandery, No. 22. The afternoon was spent in automobile rides and on the 24th Camden Commandery was formally received by Oriental Commandery. After a parade the party proceeded to North Bridgton by way of the beautiful Songo River route. After a bounteous repast, a boat trip was enjoyed on Sebago Lake. The Camden Sir Knights spent the night in Portland and arrived home on the 25th, having had by unanimous vote a "grand good time."

At the Annual Conclave, September 12, the following officers were elected:

Charles G. Weaver	Eminent Commander
Alfred F. Beverage	Generalissimo
Jesse H. Ogier	Captain General
Charles A. Wilson	Senior Warden
James F. Burgess	Junior Warden
Reuel Robinson	Prelate

George A. Tuttle	Treasurer
Charles P. Nash	Recorder
George L. Thorndike	Standard Bearer
George S. Clark	Sword Bearer
Louis C. Sawyer	Warder

The elective officers and the following appointed officers, William H. Eells, Sentinel; George T. Hodgman, Charles C. Wood, George E. Allen, Guards; John E. Husby, U. S. Color Bearer, were publicly installed October 3 by Em. Sir J. Tyleston Gould. Dancing followed the installation at the Opera House.

The following were knighted this year: Sophus Hansen, January 31; Willard C. Pooler, March 7; Theodore D. Munroe, September 19; Josiah H. Hobbs, March 14; Henry D. Storey, Fred F. Thomas and Louis C. Sawyer, June 20; Edwin F. Burkett affiliated May 9.

### 1912

This year three hundred copies of the by-laws were printed and distributed.

Much interest was taken in drilling this year and many special and well attended meetings were held for that purpose. Willard C. Pooler, Drill Master being in charge.

March 26, the annual inspection was held with Charles W. Jones, Eminent Grand Generalissimo as inspecting officer.

April 7, forty-three Sir Knights attended Easter services at the Congregational Church upon invitation of Rev. Sir Lewis D. Evans.

June 24th, Camden Commandery acted as hosts to Pilgrim Commandery of Farmington and Oriental Commandery of Bridgton. The guests arrived June 23rd, fifty-five members of Pilgrim Commandery were lodged at Whitehall, fifty-six from Oriental at the Mountain View House and the bands lodged at the Bay View House. A ball in the evening at the Opera House was attended by two hundred couples.

June 24th the three Commanderies sailed to Eagle Island on the Governor Bodwell, where a shore dinner was served, and the afternoon spent in sailing around the bay,



arriving in Camden in time for a lunch before the guests departed for their homes.

At the annual conclave September 10, the following officers were elected:

Jesse H. Ogier	Eminent Commander
Alfred F. Beverage	Generalissimo
Charles A. Wilson	Captain General
Willard C. Pooler	Senior Warden
Allie O. Pillsbury	Junior Warden
George A. Tuttle	Prelate
George S. Clark	Treasurer
Reuel Robinson	Recorder
William F. Rankin	Standard Bearer
William G. Stover	Sword Bearer
Edwin F. Burkett	Warder

The officers elected together with the following appointed officers: William H. Eells, Sentinel; George E. Allen, Charles C. Wood and Charles G. Weaver, Guards, and John E. Husby, U. S. Color Bearer were publicly installed October 1, by Em. Sir Elkanah E. Boynton.

The following were knighted this year: Frank P. Alexander, March 19; Allie O. Pillsbury, March 26; William G. Stover and Benjamin P. Wood, April 2; George A. Hall affiliated June 11; William F. Rankin and Antonio Anastasio, June 17.

### 1913

February 4 the Commandery acted as escort at the funeral of Sir Knight, Frederick E. Sylvester, held at the Rockport Methodist Church, Amity Lodge performing the Masonic funeral service.

On January 1, occurred the death of Sir Charles Pitman Nash, for several years Recorder of Camden Commandery, "a devout Christian, a valued citizen and a faithful knight." A record of his life will be found in the Biographies in the Appendix.

March 18th was the date of the annual inspection, the visiting officer being, Ralph W. Crockett, Eminent Grand Generalissimo.

March 23rd Camden Commandery attended Easter

service at the Baptist Church upon invitation of Rev. Sir S. E. Frohock.

June 24th, forty-seven Sir Knights and twenty-five ladies, in company with Palestine Commandery, of Belfast, were guests of De Valois Commandery, of Vinalhaven. A parade, dinner and ball were features of this delightful outing.

At the annual conclave September 9th, the following officers were elected:

Alfred F. Beverage	Eminent Commander
Charles A. Wilson	Generalissimo
Willard C. Pooler	Captain General
Allie O. Pillsbury	Senior Warden
Edwin F. Burkett	Junior Warden
George A. Tuttle	Treasurer
George S. Clark	Recorder
Reuel Robinson	Prelate
William F. Rankin	Standard Bearer
Josiah H. Hobbs	Sword Bearer
John L. Tewksbury	Warder

The elected officers together with the following appointed officers: William H. Eells, Sentinel; George E. Allen, Charles C. Wood, and Charles G. Weaver, Guards, were privately installed by Em. Sir Jesse H. Ogier, September 30th.

This year for the first time, Christmas was observed with the following program:

SENTIMENTS AND RESPONSES

Music—SIR LEWIS P. MAYO

Address—REV. SIR LEWIS D. EVANS

A Christmas hymn, composed by Em. Sir Reuel Robinson for the occasion was sung by the Sir Knights:

“THE TEMPLAR’S HYMN”

On this fair Christmas Day we meet  
As Templars true and brave,  
And at our Blessed Saviour’s feet  
His favor humbly crave.

Once valiant Knights in Holy Land,  
Their Soverign Lord to please  
Fought bravely for the motto grand  
“In Hoc Signos Vinces.”



By this sign we conquer still  
All earthly vanities;  
And never while we're living, will  
Our noble warfare cease.

The maiden innocent we shield  
And dry the widow's tears,  
Our swords for Christ's religion wield,  
And calm the orphan's fears.

As Templar Knights, we're bound to heed  
The weary Pilgrim's cry  
The naked clothe, the hungry feed,  
The wounded vivify.

On this, the birthday of our Lord,  
As Fraters true and tried;  
We pledge anew our knightly word  
To Him, the crucified.

The following were knighted this year: Milford L. Keene, January 21st, John L. Tewksbury, March 18.

#### 1914

March 31st was the date of the annual inspection, Arthur S. Littlefield Eminent Grand Generalissimo being the inspecting officer.

April 12th, forty-four Sir Knights attended Easter service at the Congregational Church upon invitation of Rev. Sir Lewis D. Evans.

June 24th Camden Commandery accompanied by the Camden band left at 6 A. M., by special train for Farmington, where they were the guests of Pilgrim Commandery. An enjoyable time was had by all present, the entertainment and "feeds" being of the best in the history of the pilgrimages of Camden Commandery.

A sad feature of the trip was the accidental death by drowning of Eminent Sir J. Tyleston Gould at the ferry slip at Bath. His absence was not discovered until the train pulled out from the Woolwich side. It is presumed that he walked down an unlighted slip and fell between the piers.

June 28th, Camden Commandery performed the Templar burial service at the funeral of Em. Sir J. Tyleston



Gould at the Rockport Baptist Church. St. Paul's Lodge and Keystone Chapter, No. 24, of which bodies he was a member, were also in attendance. Burial was at Camden.

The annual conclave of September was adjourned until September 15th, when the following officers were elected:

Charles A. Wilson	Eminent Commander
Alfred F. Beverage	Generalissimo
Allie O. Pillsbury	Captain General
Edwin F. Burkett	Senior Warden
William F. Rankin	Junior Warden
Reuel Robinson	Prelate
George A. Tuttle	Treasurer
George S. Clark	Recorder
Josiah H. Hobbs	Standard Bearer
William G. Stover	Sword Bearer
Wilson D. Barron	Warder

October 6th the elected officers with the exception of George S. Clark, Recorder, were installed, as well as the appointive officers: William H. Eells, Sentinel; George E. Allen, Charles C. Wood, Charles G. Weaver, Guards. The officers were installed by Em. Sir Alfred F. Beverage at a public installation.

At the stated meeting December 8th, it was announced that George S. Clark, the Recorder elect declined to serve and the office of Recorder was declared vacant. Em. Sir Leander M. Kenniston was appointed Acting Recorder.

Christmas Day was observed by suitable ceremonies, in addition to the Sentiments and Responses, an address, "Christmas Thoughts" was given by Rev. Sir Lewis D. Evans, and the following Christmas poem was composed and read by Em. Sir Reuel Robinson:

"THE TEMPLAR'S CHRISTMAS PRAYER"

Come to Thy Kingdom, Prince of Peace,  
Cast from their thrones, the gods of war,  
Make the embattled nations cease  
Their strife, and fling thy banner far;  
That on this holy Christmas Day,  
Peace may return, we humbly pray.

Lift up Thine hands, O Christ, the Lord,  
Be thou the Mediator now,  
Strike from men's grasp the bloody sword,  
Bid every armored battle prow  
Back to its native port to sail,  
That Good-will may henceforth prevail.

Look up, look up, O sons of Men,  
From blood stained earth lift up your eyes,  
Behold His Cross set once again  
Gleaming afar, in smoke draped skies;  
And conquer by this heavenly sign  
Under His leadership divine.

May every valiant Templar Knight  
To Peace and Friendship lead the way  
Beneath his cross sealed banners white;  
And on our Saviour's natal day  
Hurl the fierce pagan war gods down,  
And crown Him with a thornless crown.

The following were knighted this year: Herbert W. Currier, Jr., March 31st; Harold S. Currier, October 27.

### 1915

April 4th the Commandery attended Easter service at the Rockport Baptist Church upon invitation of the pastor, Rev. Sir Andrew G. Littlefield.

April 13th was the date of the annual inspection, the inspecting officer being, Edmund B. Mallet, Eminent Grand Generalissimo.

January 12th Andrew G. Littlefield was elected Recorder and installed February 9th.

June 24th Camden entertained twenty-six Sir Knights from St. Bernard Commandery, Eastport, and twenty-seven Sir Knights from De Valois Commandery, Vinalhaven. Both Commanderies came by boat from their respective towns. De Valois landed in Rockland just before supper on the 23rd, where they were met by Em. Commander Charles A. Wilson. Claremont Commandery of Rockland invited them to the Claremont Asylum, where a lunch was served them, after which they took cars for Camden.

St. Bernard arrived in Camden about six o'clock



and were met at the boat wharf and escorted to their headquarters at Whitehall.

The evening of the 23rd was devoted to dancing in the Opera House, and on the 24th, after a parade and sight-seeing trips, the three Commanderies went to the summit of Mt. Battie, where dinner was served at the Mt. Battie Club House. A lunch at 6 o'clock and a social evening filled the time until 10 o'clock, when De Valois sailed for home. St. Bernard left for home at 6 o'clock the morning of the 25th.

At the annual conclave, September 14th, the following officers were elected:

George A. Tuttle	Eminent Commander
Allie O. Pillsbury	Generalissimo
Edwin F. Burkett	Captain General
William F. Rankin	Senior Warden
Josiah H. Hobbs	Junior Warden
Reuel Robinson	Prelate
George E. Allen	Treasurer
Bertram E. Packard	Standard Bearer
Louis C. Sawyer	Sword Bearer
Wilson D. Barron	Warder

October 19th, under dispensation from the Grand Commander, Leslie D. Ames was elected Recorder.

October 26th a public installation was held at the Opera House, with Palestine Commandery, No. 14, Belfast; Claremont, No. 9, Rockland, and De Valois Commandery, No. 16, of Vinalhaven as guests, also Amity Lodge, Keystone Chapter and Seaside Chapter, O. E. S. Em. Sir Elkanah E. Boynton installed the officers elected September 14, together with Leslie D. Ames, Recorder and the appointive officers, William H. Eells, Sentinel, George T. Hodgman, Charles C. Wood, Charles G. Weaver Guards, and John E. Husby U. S. Color Bearer. After the installation, dancing was enjoyed.

December 25th, the annual Christmas observance was held with appropriate exercises. Music was furnished by Sir Lewis P. Mayo and remarks were made by Em. Sirs Reuel Robinson, Leander M. Kenniston and Rev. Sir Lewis D. Evans.



The following were knighted this year: Andrew G. Littlefield, January 5th; George A. Babb, April 13th; Walter C. Groves, September 21st; William W. Bowden and Leslie D. Ames, October 19th.

### 1916

The Commandery was inspected March 9, by Franklin R. Redlon, Eminent Grand Generalissimo. Thirty-seven Knights were present in uniform.

April 23rd upon invitation of Rev. Sir S. E. Frohock, the Commandery attended Easter service at the Baptist Church.

May 28th the Commandery acted as escort at the funeral of Sir Antonino Anastasia. The service was performed by Amity Lodge at the Congregational Church.

May 30th the Commandery attended the funeral of Em. Sir Leander M. Kenniston. Lines were formed at the Asylum and marched to his home where services were conducted by Rev. Sirs L. D. Evans and S. E. Frohock.

The Commandery acted as escort to Amity Lodge and Mt. Battie Lodge of Odd Fellows on the march from the home to the cemetery. At the grave Amity Lodge performed the Masonic burial service.

Eminent Sir Kenniston was perhaps, the most prominent Camden Mason and Sir Knight of his day. A proper notice of his life and Masonic achievements will be found in the appendix devoted to Past Commanders of Camden Commandery.

St. John's Day, Camden Commandery acted as hosts to De Molay Commandery, No. 10, of Skowhegan. The fraters from Skowhegan arrived June 23rd via boat from Belfast, where they were met by the Camden Commandery, and after a short parade were escorted to private homes for supper. A social time was held at the Asylum in the evening, and on the 24th, the steamer Governor Bodwell was boarded for Eagle Island. After a shore dinner at the island and a sail around the bay, the Commanderies arrived in Camden in time for a lunch before

De Molay left for home at 7 o'clock. Seventy-five Sir Knights composed the De Molay delegation.

At the annual Conclave September 12, the following officers were elected:

Allie O. Pillsbury	Eminent Commander
Edwin F. Burkett	Generalissimo
William F. Rankin	Captain General
Louis C. Sawyer	Senior Warden
Pearl G. Willey	Junior Warden
Reuel Robinson	Prelate
Geo. E. Allen	Treasurer
Leslie D. Ames	Recorder
Elbert M. Crosby	Standard Bearer
Bertram E. Packard	Sword Bearer
Frank J. McDonnell	Warder

October 10th, Bertram E. Packard resigned as Sword Bearer and Pearl G. Willey as Junior Warden, their places being filled by the election of Bertram E. Packard as Junior Warden and Charles W. Coombs as Sword Bearer. These officers with William H. Eells, Sentinel, were privately installed October 17 by Em. Sir Jesse H. Ogier.

December 12th there was no quorum at the stated meeting, the first time this had happened in the history of the Commandery.

December 25th the usual Christmas observance was held with an appropriate program including remarks by Em. Sir Reuel Robinson and Rev. Sir Lewis D. Evans.

The following were knighted this year: Charles W. Coombs, January 11th; Frank J. McDonnell, March 9th, and Arthur C. Hosmer, June 20th.

### 1917

The annual inspection was held February 27th by J. Frederick Hill, Eminent Grand Generalissimo. Thirty-six members and thirteen visitors were present in uniform.

April 8th the Commandery attended Easter services at St. Thomas Epscopal Church upon invitation of the Rector, Gilbert Foxwell.



April 22nd, Forty-eight Sir Knights, an unusually large number, attended the funeral of Sir William H. Eells, who had so long and faithfully served the Commandery as Sentinel. The Templar service was held at the Congregational Church, and the commitment service at the grave.

June 24th the Commandery to the number of fifty paraded the principal streets and had supper at the Elms at 6 o'clock, and attended a show at the Opera House in the evening.

At the annual Conclave September 11th, the following officers were elected:

Edwin F. Burkett	Eminent Commander
William F. Rankin	Generalissimo
Louis C. Sawyer	Captain General
Bertram E. Packard	Senior Warden
Frank J. McDonnell	Junior Warden
Reuel Robinson	Prelate
George E. Allen	Treasurer
Leslie D. Ames	Recorder
Elbert M. Crosby	Standard Bearer
William G. Stover	Sword Bearer
Hubert M. Wardwell	Warder

The officers were installed October 9th at a public installation by Em. Sir Alfred F. Beverage. A special program of readings by Evangeline Weed of Boston was enjoyed after the installation.

November 13th another stated meeting was omitted for lack of a quorum.

December 11th it was voted to remit the dues of all Sir Knights in the service. A list of the Sir Knights of Camden Commandery who served in the World War will be found in the appendix.

December 25th, the usual Christmas observance was held and an interesting address was delivered by Rev. Sir S. E. Frohock.

The following were knighted this year: Robie F. Ames, February 27th; Hubert M. Wardwell, May 22 and Arthur P. Webster, June 12th.



## 1918

January 4th the Commandery attended the funeral of Sir Edwin C. Fletcher. A church service was held at his home.

March 31st the Commandery attended Easter service at the St. Thomas Episcopal Church.

April 2nd, Edward W. Wheeler, Eminent Grand Generalissimo inspected the Commandery. Forty Sir Knights were present in uniform.

At the annual conclave September 10th, the following officers were elected:

William F. Rankin	Eminent Commander
Louis C. Sawyer	Generalissimo
Bertram E. Packard	Captain General
Frank J. McDonnell	Senior Warden
Hubert M. Wardwell	Junior Warden
Reuel Robinson	Prelate
George E. Allen	Treasurer
Leslie D. Ames	Recorder
Millard B. Long	Standard Bearer
Elbert M. Crosby	Sword Bearer
Fessenden W. Miller	Warder

At this conclave it was voted to purchase \$25 worth of War Savings Stamps.

September 24th Alfred F. Beverage installed the officers at a private installation. In addition to the elective officers George L. Thorndike was installed Sentinel and Charles G. Weaver and George T. Hodgman, Guards.

On account of an epidemic of influenza in town, no meetings were held in October, November and December, public meetings being banned by the town officials.

The following were knighted this year: Benjamin C. G. Burkett, April 12th; Leslie M. Conary, March 29th; Millard B. Long and Archibald F. Green, June 18th.

## 1919

January 14th, vacancies in the line of offices were filled by the following appointments: Edwin F. Burkett, Generalissimo; Elkanah E. Boynton, Captain General;

Charles A. Wilson, Senior Warden; Alfred F. Beverage, Junior Warden.

The vacancies were caused by the removal of Bertram E. Packard from town, and the entering of the service of Sirs Louis C. Sawyer, Frank J. McDonnell and Hubert

April 20th the Commandery attended Easter service at the Congregational Church upon invitation of the Pastor, Rev. H. I. Holt.

April 22nd the Commandery was inspected by Wilmer J. Dorman, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander. Thirty-nine members and six visitors were present in uniform.

June 24th was observed by Camden Commandery by holding a parade at 5.00 P. M., and returning to the Asylum, sat down to a salmon supper, after which a social evening was enjoyed.

September 9th, no conclave was held for a lack of a quorum, and a dispensation was issued for the annual conclave to be held October 14th. At this conclave the following officers were elected:

George E. Allen	Eminent Commander
Louis C. Sawyer	Generalissimo
Frank J. McDonnell	Captain General
John L. Tewksbury	Senior Warden
Howard D. Small	Junior Warden
Reuel Robinson	Prelate
Charles C. Wood	Treasurer
Leslie D. Ames	Recorder
Robert W. Jamieson	Standard Bearer
Albert H. Parsons	Sword Bearer
Millard B. Long	Warder

The elective officers and appointive officers as follows: John J. Paul, Sentinel; George T. Hodgman, Josiah H. Hobbs, and Charles G. Weaver, Guards, were installed at the Opera House, November 21st, by Em. Sir Morris Slugg of Palestine Commandery, of Belfast.

This was a strictly Templar installation and ball. Palestine Commandery of Belfast, Claremont Commandery of Rockland and De Valois Commandery of Vinal-



haven and their ladies were present as guests.

December 25th was appropriately observed with the usual Sentiments and an address by Rev. Sir Lewis D. Evans.

The following were knighted this year: William O. Roberts, April 15th; William A. Hosmer, April 22nd; Alfred F. Sherman and Howard D. Small, April 29th; William L. Bassick, Robert W. Jamieson and Mark W. Ingraham, September 2nd; William S. Green, affiliated November 11th.

### 1920

April 4th, forty-three Knights attended Easter service at the Methodist Church upon invitation of the Pastor, Rev. B. W. Russell.

April 13th, Frank W. Bucknum, Eminent Grand Generalissimo inspected the Commandery. Forty-three Sir Knights were present in uniform.

April 26th forty Sir Knights attended the funeral of Sir Wilfred C. Rodgers at his home on Belmont Avenue.

June 24th we joined with Claremont Commandery of Rockland. Fifty-five Camden fraters went to Rockland at 9 A. M. and after a parade, with forty-five Claremont Knights, the party proceeded to Camden, where a parade was held. Following the parade, automobiles were taken for Northport, where at Duncan Lodge, the Summer home of Sir Charles O. Montgomery, dinner was served and the afternoon spent in sports and a general good time.

At the stated conclave September 14th, the following officers were elected:

Leslie D. Ames	Eminent Commander
Frank J. McDonnell	Generalissimo
John L. Tewksbury	Captain General
Howard D. Small	Senior Warden
Claire K. Manhart	Junior Warden
Reuel Robinson	Prelate
Charles C. Wood	Treasurer
Charles A. Wilson	Recorder
Robert W. Jamieson	Standard Bearer
Albert H. Parsons	Sword Bearer
William O. Roberts	Warder



The officers were installed October 5th by Edward W. Wheeler, Right Eminent Grand Commander. The appointive officers installed were, John J. Paul, Sentinel; George T. Hodgman, Charles G. Weaver and Josiah H. Hobbs, Guards.

A social dance followed the installation ceremony.

November 5th, Camden Commandery to the number of forty-three did escort duty at the funeral of Em. Sir Jesse H. Ogier. A church service was held at the residence, and Amity Lodge performed the Masonic service at the grave.

December 14th Rev. Lewis D. Evans was made an honorary member of the Commandery.

Christmas was observed by the usual sentiments, and a historical account of the Crusades given by Em. Sir Leslie D. Ames. Rev. Sir Lewis D. Evans gave an address.

The following were knighted this year: Philip Thomas, March 2nd; Grover C. Carver and Claire K. Manhart, March 2nd; Zelma M. Dwinal, April 13th; Hervey C. Allen, James A. Wagner and Leroy E. McDermott, June 1st; Leslie B. Arey and David K. Arey, July 6; Harold S. Corthell, December 7th.

#### 1921

March 22nd the Commandery was inspected by Frank P. Denaco, Eminent Grand Generalissimo.

March 27th the Commandery attended Easter service at the Baptist Church upon invitation of the Pastor, Rev. Thomas L. Griffiths.

During the month of April this year, thirteen candidates were knighted at meetings held on the 16th and 21st. The meeting of the 21st was opened in the afternoon with work in the Red Cross and Malta, supper being served between the two sessions.

June 11th Sir Henry Tolman was buried with the Templar Service.

June 23rd, seventy-two Sir Knights went to Skowhegan by automobile, where they were the guests of De Molay Commandery. For the two days the Camden fraters were royally entertained, receiving every courtesy and enjoying a most wonderful pilgrimage.

The annual Conclave was held September 13th and the following officers elected:

Frank J. McDonnell	Eminent Commander
John L. Tewksbury	Generalissimo
Howard D. Small	Captain General
Reuel Robinson	Prelate
Charles C. Wood	Treasurer
Charles A. Wilson	Recorder
Claire K. Manhart	Senior Warden
William L. Bassick	Junior Warden
Harold S. Corthell	Standard Bearer
Albert H. Parsons	Sword Bearer
Charles A. Cavanaugh	Warder

The officers were installed September 27th, together with the following: John J. Paul, Sentinel; George T. Hodgman, George E. Allen and Leslie D. Ames, Guards, and James A. Wagner U. S. Color Bearer.

The installing officer was Em. Sir Fred E. Dwinal, of Lewiston Commandery and following the ceremony a social dance was held.

December 10th the Templar burial service was performed at the funeral of Sir Frank O. Clark.

December 13th, James F. Burgess was elected Senior Warden to fill the vacancy caused by the removal from the state of Claire K. Manhart.

December 25 the usual Christmas observance was held, in addition to the regular sentiments an address was given by Em. Sir Fred E. Dwinal of Lewiston Commandery.

Five widows of Sir Knights were remembered with gifts of gold, and flowers were sent to four others.

The following were knighted this year: Mark Rodgers, February 5th; George H. Glaentzel, March 8th; Wellington Coombs, Daniel J. Dickens, Carl C. Hopkins, March 22nd; Walter P. Conley, April 30th; Amasa Williams, Horace Sprague, Joseph A. Pendleton, Samuel W. Coombs, Leslie E. Smith, Addison G. Young, John W. Clayter, April 16th; Daniel L. Proctor, Ernest A. Robbins, Charles A. Cavanaugh, Lucius W. Howe, Bertie V. Wall and Lewis G. Tewksbury, April 21st; Martin E.



Whitmore, Alphonso S. Prince, Walter Clark, June 2nd; Arthur P. Ames, Henry T. Lamb, Llewellyn Frohock, Edward K. Thurston and Samuel Simpson, June 16th; Maynard S. Porter, September 30th.

### 1922

At the Stated Conclave February 14th, it was voted "that this Commandery is unanimously opposed to the Grand Commandery regulations of 1920, requiring all candidates of Commanderies having attained a membership of 250 to make uniform compulsory before taking the Temple degree.

February 28th was the date of the annual inspection by Cyrus N. Blanchard, Eminent Grand Generalissimo. Thirty-nine members in uniform.

March 14th a big Conclave was held when five Companions from Islesboro were knighted. Seventy were present at supper, and about 50 at the meeting.

April 11th a committee consisting of Sirs P. G. Willey, Henry Storey, and Benj. Burkett, was authorized to organize a Fife and Drum Corps, and said committee empowered to purchase instruments and uniforms for same. The Drum Corps was organized and much interest manifested in it for several years, but upon the death of Sir Knight Storey it gradually declined and was finally disbanded in 1927.

April 16th forty-two Sir Knights attended Easter service at the St. Thomas Episcopal Church by invitation of the Rector, Rev. Ralph H. Hayden.

May 9th a committee consisting of Em. Sir George E. Allen, Em. Sir Leslie D. Ames and Sir William L. Bassick, was instructed to purchase Past Commanders' Jewels for all Past Commanders to be presented at the annual Conclave in September.

June 13th the committee reported that they had purchased 13 jewels at a cost of \$409.00.

June 24th the Commandery was the guest of St. Omer Commandery of Waterville. The Camden Sir Knights went to Belfast by boat, and from there by train. The Commanderies at Waterville were entertained at the



Fair Grounds, and a pleasant pilgrimage was enjoyed. The fraters of Palestine of Belfast entertained Camden on their way home, the boat leaving Belfast at 1 A. M. the 25th.

August 17th the Sir Knights and their families held a Field Day at Lincolnville Beach, about one hundred and twenty taking part. A parade was held at 5.50 headed by the newly organized Drum Corps. A banquet of lobsters, clams, roast corn, coffee and ice cream was served at 6.30 and the evening spent in dancing in Community Hall.

The Annual Conclave was held September 12 and the following officers were elected:

John L. Tewksbury	Eminent Commander
Howard D. Small	Generalissimo
James F. Burgess	Captain General
Reuel Robinson	Prelate
Charles C. Wood	Treasurer
Charles A. Wilson	Recorder
William L. Bassick	Senior Warden
Harold S. Corthell	Junior Warden
Benjamin C. G. Burkett	Standard Bearer
Edwin French	Sword Bearer
Roland O. Wade	U. S. Color Bearer
Carl H. Hopkins	Warder

The elected officers and the following appointive officers: Martin E. Whitmore, Sentinel; Leslie D. Ames, Alfred F. Sherman, George T. Hodgman, Guards were installed by Edward K. Gould, Eminent Grand Junior Warden, October 3 at a public installation.

Dancing was enjoyed at the close of the ceremony.

December 17th, Sunday and during one of the worst snow storms of the year, the streets blocked with snow, thirty-three Sir Knights attended the funeral of their beloved frater, the Rev. Lewis D. Evans. After a church service the full Templar burial service was performed.

December 25th the usual Christmas Observance was held. An interesting feature of the Observance was that the Sentiment to the Grand High Priest, Wilson D. Bar-

ron, was responded to by him in person, he being a member of Camden Commandery. Rev. Sir Arthur D. Leigh delivered the address. Gold was sent to six widows of Sir Knights.

The following were knighted this year: George F. Gilchrist June 10; Edwin French, June 24; B. Edwin Erickson, February 7; M. Alton French, February 28th; Melvin R. Trim, Lloyd R. Pendleton, Pearl V. Fairfield, George W. Dyer, Harry P. Leavitt, March 14th; A. Perry Coombs, March 28th; Eugene H. Tinker and Elmer Reed, May 9th; Andrew V. Elmore and Finlay H. Calder, November 7th; Roland O. Wade, affiliated January 10th.

### 1923

April 1st forty-six Sir Knights attended Easter Service at the Methodist Church upon invitation of the Pastor, Rev. B. W. Russell.

April 3rd the Commandery was inspected by Sir Edward K. Gould, Eminent Grand Junior Warden. Fifty-five members were present.

June 24th Camden entertained St. Omer Commandery of Waterville. About ninety Camden Sir Knights took part in the day's celebration, which started at 9 A. M., when the Waterville fraters were met at the Yacht Club. A parade was held; a shore dinner was served at Sherman's Point; sports during the afternoon; a buffet lunch at 7, and a Commandery Minstrel Show in the evening were the high spots of the day.

The annual conclave was held September 11 and the following officers elected:

James F. Burgess	Eminent Commander
William L. Bassick	Generalissimo
Harold S. Corthell	Captain General
Benjamin C. G. Burkett	Senior Warden
Carl H. Hopkins	Junior Warden
Reuel Robinson	Prelate
Charles C. Wood	Treasurer
Charles A. Wilson	Recorder
Wilson D. Barron	Standard Bearer
Charles A. Cleveland	Sword Bearer
Alfred F. Sherman	Warder



This year was inaugurated the custom of presenting Gold Jewels to Retiring Past Commanders, a custom which has been followed ever since.

The installation was held October 2nd, with Em. Sir Edward K. Gould as installing officer. In addition to the elective officers the following appointive officers were installed: Martin E. Whitmore, Sentinel; Leslie D. Ames, George T. Hodgman and Roland O. Wade, Guards; Arthur P. Webster, U. S. Color Bearer. After the installation a social dance was held in the Assembly Hall.

October 9th James F. Burgess unable to be present at the annual installation, was installed Eminent Commander by Eminent Sir John L. Tewksbury.

December 25th the usual Christmas observance was held. Em. Sir Reuel Robinson made the address and \$32.00 was donated for charitable work.

The following were knighted this year: Herbert M. Rankin, Herbert W. Currier, Edward Goodwin, March 6th; Arthur H. Walker, Lawrence H. Crane, John K. Salisbury, March 20th; John J. Kennedy, Glenn Norton, Owen Staples, March 27th; John Taylor, April 3rd; Chester L. Bailey, Charles A. Cleveland and Clarence A. Phillips, April 17th; Charles W. Babb and Clarence A. Nutt, May 22nd; Richard Parkinson, June 21st. Ora R. Brown affiliated January 9th.

## 1924

Thomas E. McDonald, Eminent Grand Generalissimo was the Inspecting Officer April 8th. Fifty Sir Knights were present in uniform.

April 20th fifty-six Sir Knights attended Easter Service at the Congregational Church upon invitation of Rev. H. I. Holt.

May 25th the Commandery acted as Escort to St. Paul's Lodge of Rockport who performed the Masonic Burial Service at the funeral of Sir Mortimer T. Hill, a member of Camden Commandery.

June 25th, Camden entertained Palestine Commandery of Belfast. After the usual parade, the Commanderies went by boat to the cottage of Sir Edgar Whitmore at



Deer Isle where the usual festivities of eating, etc., were indulged in. A lunch in the Asylum Banquet Hall at 7 o'clock closed the day's festivities.

July 8th James F. Burgess, William L. Bassick and Harold S. Corthell were named as a Committee to revise the By-laws.

This committee reported at the conclave August 12th. The changes in the By-laws recommended applied to raising the dues to four dollars and adding a dollar assessment to cover the Grand Encampment Educational Tax. An Auditing Committee of three to replace the Finance Committee, consisting of the first three officers was also provided for. The By-laws were adopted September 9th.

At the stated conclave September 9th the following officers were elected:

William L. Bassick	Eminent Commander
Howard D. Small	Generalissimo
Harold S. Corthell	Captain General
William F. Rankin	Prelate
Charles C. Wood	Treasurer
John L. Tewksbury	Recorder
Benjamin C. G. Burkett	Senior Warden
Wilson D. Barron	Junior Warden
Alfred F. Sherman	Standard Bearer
Daniel J. Dickens	Sword Bearer
Owen Staples	Warder

At this meeting the compensation of the Recorder was increased from twenty-five to fifty dollars, Em. Sir Charles A. Wilson who had faithfully served for four years declined to serve again and Em. Sir John L. Tewksbury was elected.

Em. Sir Reuel Robinson for thirteen years the faithful and efficient Prelate also declined longer to serve on account of failing health, and his resignation was regretfully accepted and Em. Sir William F. Rankin elected to this position.

The officers were installed September 30 by Em. Sir James A. Richan of Claremont Commandery. The following appointments were made: Martin E. Whitmore,

Sentinel; Leslie D. Ames, Chester L. Bailey, Guards; Mark Rodgers, U. S. Color Bearer.

December 25th the usual Christmas Observance was held. Sir John Taylor delivered an address, and the "Temple Quartet", composed of Sir Knights John Taylor, Charles E. Lord, Joseph A. Brewster and Richard Parkinson rendered several selections.

The following were knighted this year: Eugene L. Bracey, March 25th; Frank L. Gilmore, April 2nd; George E. Boynton, April 8th; Lester O. Gross, May 20th; Charles E. Lord affiliated November 11th; Ernest H. Snow, December 30th; Ephriam B. Thorndike, affiliated June 10th.

### 1925

January 28th fifty-two Knights participated in the Templar Service at the funeral of Em. Sir Charles A. Wilson at the Congregational Church. The bearers, all past Commanders, were: Eminent Sirs E. E. Boynton, A. F. Beverage, L. D. Ames, and J. F. Burgess.

April 7th, the Commandery was inspected by Dana S. Williams, Eminent Grand Generalissimo.

April 12th forty-three Sir Knights attended Easter Service at the Baptist Church upon invitation of the Pastor, Rev. Ernest M. Holman.

June 24th, ninety Camden Sir Knights attended the seventy-fifth anniversary of St. John's Commandery at Bangor as their guests. Every Commandery in the state (24) was represented upon this occasion, and the parade was a wonderful and inspiring sight, the Camden fraters being twenty-third in line having an opportunity of seeing it all pass, while they waited to take their place in line.

At the annual conclave September 8th the following officers were elected:

Howard D. Small	Eminent Commander
Harold S. Corthell	Generalissimo
Benjamin C. G. Burkett	Captain General
William F. Rankin	Prelate
Charles C. Wood	Treasurer



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John L. Tewksbury	Recorder
Wilson D. Barron	Senior Warden
Alfred F. Sherman	Junior Warden
Charles E. Moore	Standard Bearer
Alphonso S. Prince	Sword Bearer
Howard S. Ingraham	Warder

Leslie D. Ames, George E. Allen, Zelma M. Dwinal, Auditing Committee.

These officers together with the appointive officers, Martin E. Whitmore, Sentinel, George T. Hodgman, Guard and Ernest H. Snow, U. S. Color Bearer were installed, September 29th at a private installation by Edward K. Gould, Eminent Grand Generalissimo.

November 10th a venison supper was served, the venison being the result of the prowess of Em. Sir Howard D. Small, the other officers donating the "fixings" for the banquet.

December 25th the usual Christmas observance was held, Sir Charles E. Lord delivered an inspiring Christmas address, and Sir John Taylor led the singing. \$50 was collected for charitable purposes.

The following were knighted this year: Howard Stanley Ingraham, February 3rd; Earle F. Wilson, April 7th; Malcolm MacLeod, Fred T. Simpson, Charles E. Moore, and Forrest E. Dearborn, May 26th; Lewis F. Higgins, June 17th; George W. Ryder, November 10th.

### 1926

The annual inspection was held February 16th, the inspecting officer being Edward K. Gould, Eminent Grand Generalissimo. Thirty-two members were present in uniform, including eight Past Commanders.

April 4th the Commandery attended Easter Service at the St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Rev. Ralph H. Hayden, Rector.

An Easter Breakfast was served at 8.45 which was well attended.

St. John's Day, Camden entertained one hundred Sir Knights of Maine Commandery, No. 1, Gardiner. The usual parade was held, after which the party proceeded to



Spruce Head for a shore dinner and sports. A theatre party in the evening at the Opera House concluded the day's festivities.

The annual conclave was held September 14th and the following officers elected:

Harold S. Corthell	Eminent Commander
Benjamin C. G. Burkett	Generalissimo
Wilson D. Barron	Captain General
Alfred F. Sherman	Senior Warden
Charles E. Moore	Junior Warden
William F. Rankin	Prelate
Charles C. Wood	Treasurer
John L. Tewksbury	Recorder
Howard S. Ingraham	Standard Bearer
Alphonso S. Prince	Sword Bearer
Fred W. Elwell	Warder

Leslie D. Ames, George E. Allen and Zelma M. Dwinal Auditing Committee.

The officers together with the following appointments: Finlay H. Calder, Sentinel; Leslie D. Ames, George E. Hall and James F. Burgess, Guards, and Lewis F. Higgins, Color Bearer, were installed October 5th by Edward K. Gould, Very Em. Deputy Grand Commander at a private installation.

At the stated meeting October 12th, seventy-two Sir Knights were present. A Harvest Supper given by the officers preceded the evening meeting.

December 10th the Camden Sir Knights acted as hosts to their ladies and to the Sir Knights and Ladies of Claremont Commandery, No. 9 of Rockland, Palestine Commandery, No. 14 of Belfast and De Valois Commandery No. 15, of Vinalhaven. Fifty-five Camden Sir Knights were present. The Opera House was attractively decorated with the Commandery colors, and an entertainment and dancing was enjoyed with refreshments at intermission. This first ladies' night was a very attractive and pleasant occasion, and it was hoped to make it an annual affair, but from the work involved and the expense connected with it, it was not repeated.

December 25th, Sentiments and Responses were given at the Christmas Observance. Sir Zelma M. Dwinal delivered an address and Sir John Taylor sang several solos appropriate to the occasion. Forty-four dollars was donated for charitable work.

The following were knighted this year: Guy W. Young, January 26th; Fred W. Elwell, February 2nd; Clayton R. McCobb, February 9th; Sterling W. Hastings, February 16th, and Edwin K. Leach, March 16th.

### 1927

January 25th the Commandery attended the funeral of Sir Martin E. Whitmore at the Baptist Church where the Templar funeral service was performed.

A Past Commanders' Conclave was held March 15th, opening at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Eminent Sir Charles G. Weaver assisted by the regular officers, conferred the Red Cross and Malta Degrees upon a class of four candidates.

At six o'clock, a chicken supper was served to one hundred Sir Knights, companions of Keystone Chapter acting as waiters. Following the banquet, Sir Edward K. Gould, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander on behalf of Camden Commandery, presented to Eminent Sir Reuel Robinson a silver loving cup in appreciation of his long years of faithful service. Eminent Sir Robinson responded in well chosen and appreciative words. It was also the pleasure of the Commandery to have Mrs. Robinson present at this time.

Em. Sir Gould gave an inspiring Templar address, and Em. Sir George E. Allen, a charter member and first Recorder, gave a brief history of Camden Commandery.

Sir John Taylor as usual, led the singing.

At eight o'clock the following past commanders conferred the Temple degree upon Charles H. Joy.

Elkanah E. Boynton	Eminent Commander
Alfred F. Beverage	Generalissimo
William L. Bassick	Captain General
George E. Allen	Treasurer
John L. Tewksbury	Recorder



Allie O. Pillsbury	Senior Warden
Charles G. Weaver	Junior Warden
Howard D. Small	Standard Bearer
James F. Burgess	Sword Bearer
Leslie D. Ames	Warder
Frank J. McDonnell	Sentinel

Em. Sir Elkanah E. Boynton knighted the candidate, while Em. Sir Alfred F. Beverage instructed the candidate in the attributes of the order. The candidate, Charles Henry Joy, aged 74, is the oldest companion ever to be knighted by the Commandery.

Vocal and instrumental music by Sir Albert Adams, Alfred F. Sherman, Benjamin Burkett and Charles E. Lord added materially to the solemnity of the degree.

April 14th the Commandery was inspected by Em. Sir George F. Giddings, Eminent Grand Generalissimo. Forty-six members were present in uniform, and fourteen not in uniform.

April 17th seventy Sir Knights assembled at the Asylum for Easter Breakfast at 8.30. At 10.30 the Commandery attended Easter service at the Methodist Church, F. Ernest Smith, Pastor.

At the close of the service a group picture of the Commandery was taken in front of the Postoffice. A picture of the Past Commanders present, was also taken.

April 26th thirty-six visiting Sir Knights of Palestine Commandery were the guests of the Commandery. A banquet was served at 6.30, to one hundred-thirty one Sir Knights.

The Temple degree was conferred in the evening by the officers of Palestine Commandery, upon Oscar H. Emery, of Camden, and Walter Glidden of Belfast. This exchange of courtesies made a very profitable and enjoyable evening, and cemented the bonds of fraternity between the two Commanderies.

June 22nd the Commandery attended the funeral of Em. Sir Reuel F. Robinson at the Congregational Church. The Camden Band headed the line of march and the Templar burial service was performed, and the body escorted to the grave.



June 24th, Camden was the guest of Maine Commandery of Gardiner. The Camden fraters automobiled to Belfast, where in company with Palestine, they had a special train to Gardiner. A long, long parade to the Trotting Park gave every one an appetite for dinner. An entertainment of vaudeville and boxing was presented at the park.

The pleasure of Camden Commandery was marred by the sudden death of Henry D. Storey, who collapsed during the parade. An escort of honor consisting of Eminent Commander Harold S. Corthell, Sirs John Taylor and Alfred F. Sherman escorted the body to his residence in Camden.

The annual conclave was held September 13th and the following officers elected:

Benjamin C. G. Burkett	Eminent Commander
Alfred F. Sherman	Generalissimo
Charles E. Moore	Captain General
Howard S. Ingraham	Senior Warden
Fred W. Elwell	Junior Warden
William F. Rankin	Prelate
Charles C. Wood	Treasurer
John L. Tewksbury	Recorder
George E. Boynton	Standard Bearer
Frederick F. Richards	Sword Bearer
Louis J. Hary	Warder

Leslie D. Ames, George E. Allen, Zelma M. Dwinal, Auditing Committee.

The officers together with appointments as follows: Edward Goodwin, Sentinel; Glenn Norton, John F. Mathews and Howard D. Small, Guards, and Lucius W. Howe, U. S. Color Bearer, were installed October 11th by Eminent Sir Alfred F. Beverage at a private installation.

December 25th the usual Christmas observance was held. An address was delivered by Zelma M. Dwinal, and remarks were offered by Charles E. Lord. The Christmas offering amounted to \$35.00.

Greetings were sent to the widows of deceased Sir Knights and to all Maine Commanderies.

December 29th the Templar burial service was performed at the funeral of Sir William Forrest Burkett.

The following were knighted this year: G. Lester Hale, January 25th; William F. Burkett, February 1st; Libbeus B. Wardwell, February 22nd; George E. Nash, March 8th; Charles H. Joy, March 15th; Frederick F. Richards, March 29th; Edward G. Dangler, April 5th; William E. Murphy, April 12th; Harold H. Nash, April 14th; Oscar H. Emery, April 26th; Louis J. Hary, June 3rd; C. Kendall Hopkins, Clifton V. Conary, William G. LeFurgy and John F. Mathews, June 14th; Henry J. Pettapiece, July 19th; Alec M. Paige affiliated October 11th.

### 1928

April 3rd the Commandery was inspected by Em. Sir Wallace N. Price, Eminent Grand Generalissimo.

Easter Sunday, the Commandery attended service at the St. Thomas Episcopal Church.

At the annual conclave of the Grand Commandery at Portland, in May, thirteen Camden fraters and eleven ladies were present.

June 24th the Commandery was the guests of Lewiston Commandery at Lewiston. Those who were privileged to go had one of the best pilgrimages in the history of the Commandery, and their every comfort and enjoyment was well attended to by their hosts.

July 10th a standing regulation was adopted to inscribe a page of our records to a deceased Sir Knight in lieu of writing resolutions.

At the stated conclave September 11th upon motion of Em. Sir John L. Tewksbury, it was voted that an anniversary committee of twelve be appointed by the Eminent Commander to draft plans for appropriately celebrating our twenty-fifth anniversary which occurs in 1930, said committee to report their plans to the Commandery for approval at the stated conclave in January 1929, committee to elect their own chairman.

It was also voted to authorize John L. Tewksbury to prepare a history of Camden Commandery to be completed in time for the twenty-fifth anniversary of the



Commandery, the manuscript to be prepared free of expense to the Commandery.

The following officers were elected:

Alfred F. Sherman	Eminent Commander
Charles E. Moore	Generalissimo
George E. Boynton	Captain General
Fred W. Elwell	Senior Warden
Glenn L. Norton	Junior Warden
William F. Rankin	Prelate
Charles C. Wood	Treasurer
John L. Tewksbury	Recorder
John F. Mathews	Standard Bearer
John F. Heald	Sword Bearer
Adin L. Hopkins	Warder

Leslie D. Ames, George E. Allen, Zelma M. Dwinal, Auditing Committee.

September 21st, Em. Sir Leslie D. Ames installed the officers elect with the exception of the Junior Warden, who declined to serve. The following appointed officers were also installed: Benj. C. G. Burkett, Howard D. Small, Guards; John J. Paul, Sentinel.

September 25th Past Commanders' Conclave was held with the following Past Commanders in the stations:

Charles G. Weaver	Eminent Commander
Alfred F. Beverage	Generalissimo
Allie O. Pillsbury	Captain General
Frank J. McDonnell	Senior Warden
Howard D. Small	Junior Warden
William F. Rankin	Prelate
John L. Tewksbury	Recorder
Leslie D. Ames	Standard Bearer
James F. Burgess	Warder
Benj. C. G. Burkett	Sentinel

The regular officers of the Commandery acted as escort, and the Temple degree was conferred upon companion Guy Cucinotta.

November 13th the twenty-fifth anniversary committee was named as follows: Leslie D. Ames, Chairman; James F. Burgess, Harold S. Corthell, Daniel J. Dickens,

Zelma M. Dwinal, Sophus Hansen, Fessenden W. Miller, Frank E. Morrow, Allie O. Pillsbury, John Taylor, Charles C. Wood, Charles E. Moore, Benjamin C. G. Burkett.

December 1st, the Commandery was required to perform the sad duty of performing the Templar burial service at the funeral of Sir Howard Stanley Ingraham, the youngest member of Camden Commandery.

December 25th the usual Christmas observance was held. The address was given by Sir Zelma M. Dwinal and solos were rendered by Mrs. Helen Barbour.

\$33.00 was the amount of the Christmas donation. Cards were sent to the widows of Sir Knights.

The following were knighted this year: Loring Philbrook, January 24th; Clarence Richards, February 21st; Adin L. Hopkins, April 3rd; Guy Cucinotta, September 24th.

#### 1929

This year a series of suppers was given by different groups of Sir Knights, the amount collected turned over to the anniversary fund. The first of these suppers was held January 29th and the anniversary committee acted as hosts, cigars for the occasion being donated by the candidate, Dr. F. S. Powers. Sir Charles C. Wood, Treasurer, announced that \$23.00 had been collected to start the anniversary fund.

The second anniversary supper with the officers as hosts, was held February 12th, with about fifty present and \$26.00 added to the fund.

The third supper was held February 26th with the Rockport fraters acting as hosts.

The fourth in the series of anniversary suppers was given March 12th, the Sir Knights of the Camden Rotary Club acting as hosts.

March 31st the Commandery attended Easter service at the Congregational Church, L. W. Witham, Pastor. An Easter breakfast was served at 8.30 by Sir Knight, Finlay H. Calder.

April 9th the Shriners were hosts to the Commandery at an anniversary supper, and at 8.30 presented a Minstrel Show to a large gathering of Knights.



April 23rd the Commandery was inspected by Walter P. Ordway, Eminent Grand Generalissimo.

May 21st through the courtesy of Em. Sir Andrew Holmes of St. Bernard Commandery and twelve associates, an anniversary supper was served.

June 4th the Sir Knights of the Knox Woolen Company were hosts at an anniversary supper, and a boxing bout was presented in the evening.

June 24th the Commandery was entertained by Strathglass Commandery of Rumford. Although the day was stormy, the Sir Knights who attended reported the usual enjoyable outing.

The annual conclave was held September 10th and the following officers elected:

Charles E. Moore	Eminent Commander
Fred W. Elwell	Generalissimo
Fessenden W. Miller	Captain General
George E. Boynton	Senior Warden
John F. Mathews	Junior Warden
Adin L. Hopkins	Standard Bearer
Alphonso S. Prince	Sword Bearer
William F. Rankin	Prelate
Charles C. Wood	Treasurer
John L. Tewksbury	Recorder
Elmer E. Joyce	Warder

Leslie D. Ames, George E. Allen, Zelma M. Dwinal, Auditing Committee.

September 17th the members of the Commandery escorted by the Camden Boys' Band, assisted in the laying of the corner stone of the Knox Memorial at Thomaston, which was performed by the officers of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

September 24th the officers were installed by Eminent Sir Alfred F. Beverage. The following appointments were made: Arthur H. Walker, Sentinel; Arthur T. Mullen, Guard. The wives of the officers served a supper at 6.30, the expense of which was borne by the officers installed.

October 8th it was voted to invite St. John's Command-

ery, No. 3, of Bangor to be our guests St. John's Day, June 24th, and they accepted the invitation November 13th.

The anniversary gift ball was held at the Camden Opera House, October 24th, and the hall was filled with Sir Knights and their ladies and the citizens of this and surrounding towns. All through the spring and summer the Knights had been busy selling tickets for this event, each ticket sold entitling the purchaser to an admission and a chance on a new Ford car, which was to be given to the holder of the lucky number. The holder of the lucky ticket was Sir Knight Oscar H. Emery. After the expenses of the ball was paid, a generous amount was available for the Anniversary fund.

On October 29th the Anniversary Ball Committee gave an Anniversary supper, the eighth and last of the series for the year.

On December 3rd, Oscar H. Emery was host to an anniversary supper. Sir Knight Emery donated the supper to show his appreciation of being the winner of the Ford car given away at the Gift Ball, October 25th.

The Christmas observance this year was held as usual. In addition to the regular program, a mixed quartet, consisting of Sir Adin L. Hopkins, Dr. C. H. Jameson, Mrs. Henrietta Martin and Mrs. Alfred Wilman assisted by Mrs. Belle Tyler at the piano, rendered several Christmas hymns.

Eminent Sir John L. Tewksbury gave the Christmas address.

Twenty seven dollars was collected for charity work.

The following were knighted this year: Frederick S. Powers, January 29th; Arthur T. Mullen, April 23rd; Elmer E. Joyce, June 18th, and Colin L. Coombs, December 3rd.

#### 1930

January 28th, the Commandery had the pleasure of having Em. Sir Edward K. Gould, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery present at an anniversary supper as their guest. Em. Sir Gould gave an interesting and instructive address on Templarism.



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February 11th, the twenty-fifth anniversary conclave was quietly observed. Eminent Sir Charles G. Weaver, the only charter member present, was publicly cited for his twenty-five years service to the Commandery and given a rising vote of appreciation. It was also voted to purchase seventy-five copies of the History of Camden Commandery compiled by Em. Sir John L. Tewksbury.

# Biographies of Commandery Members

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## *Leander M. Kenniston*

Eminent Sir Leander M. Kenniston was born in Appleton, Maine, June 25, 1839. He was educated in the common schools of his native town, and for several years was a teacher.

He came to Camden March 21, 1863 and started work with the Camden Anchor Company, a concern that made ship anchors for a third of a century and whose anchors were carried on ships all over the world. He came to be an authority upon the manufacture of anchors and held the position of foreman at the works for many years.

His only political office was that of Assessor of the Camden Village Corporation, a position he held from 1911 to 1916.

Eminent Sir Kenniston was the most prominent and devoted Mason in Camden for a period of over fifty years. He joined Amity Lodge, No. 6, December 4, 1863, was its Worshipful Master in 1868, and served as Secretary for a period of twenty years.

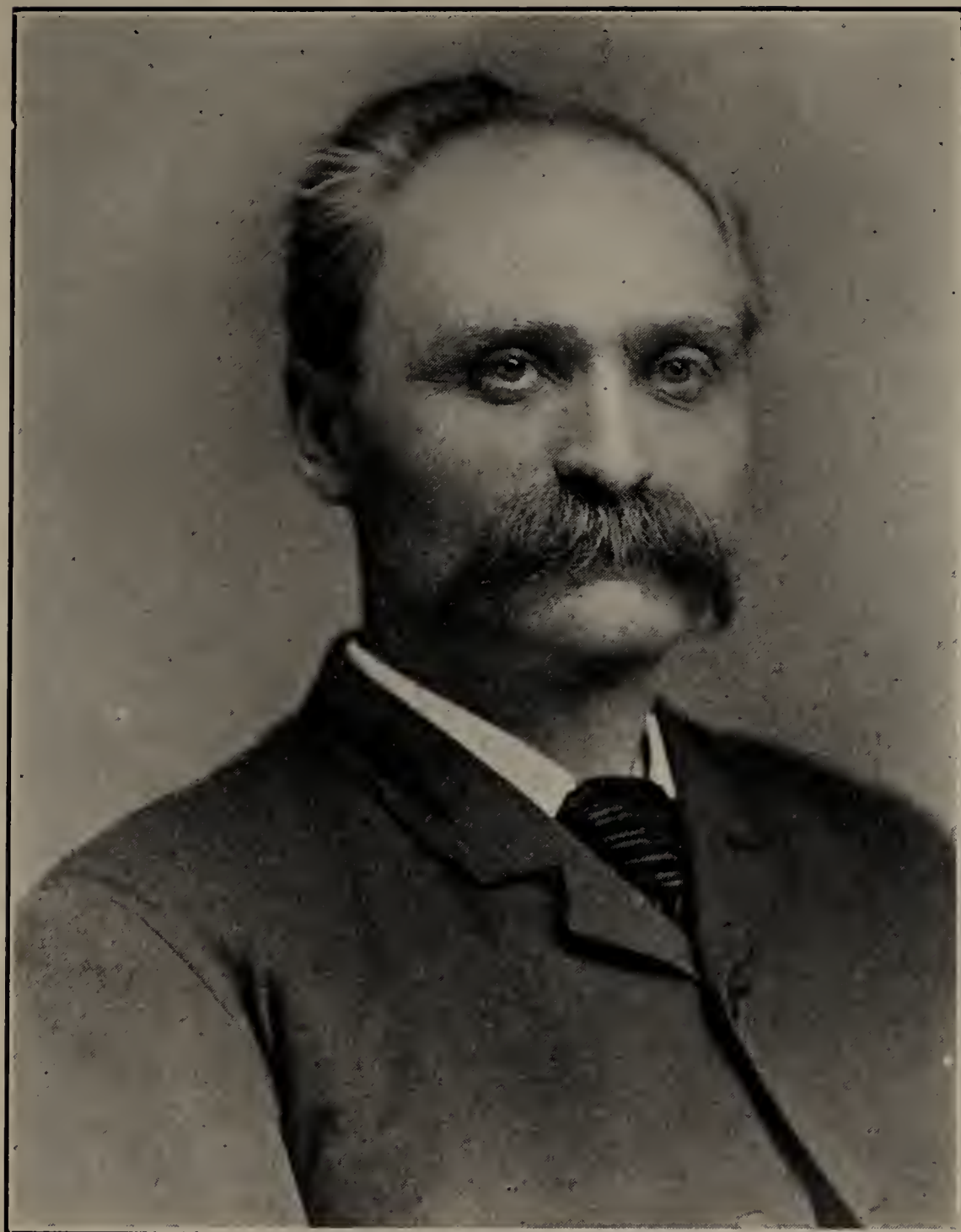
He joined Keystone Chapter Royal Arch Masons, No. 24, in 1869 and served as High Priest in 1884 and was its Secretary from 1890 to 1916, a period of twenty-six years.

He was knighted in Claremont Commandery, No. 9, Rockland, November 21, 1887 and was Eminent Commander in 1894 and Prelate in 1897. He dimitted to become a Charter member of Camden Commandery, No. 23, and was instrumental in getting the Charter for the Commandery. He served as Eminent Commander under dispensation and was elected Eminent Commander in 1906 and re-elected in 1907.

He was a member of King Hiram Council, No. 6, Rockland, a thirty-two degree Scottish Rite Mason, and a member of Maine Council, Order of High Priests.

Eminent Sir Kenniston was one of the organizers of Seaside Chapter, No. 70, Order of the Eastern Star and its first Worthy Patron. He attended the sessions of the





LEANDER M. KENNISTON  
Eminent Commander 1906-07





Grand Lodge of Maine from 1879, until his death in 1916, missing but one session in that period. In the Grand Lodge he served as Senior Grand Warden in 1882, and was Grand Captain of the Host in the Grand Chapter of Maine in 1897.

For many years he was a Trustee of the Charity Fund of Amity Lodge.

In addition to his Masonic activities he was interested in Odd Fellowship, being a Charter member of Mt. Battie Lodge, of Camden and its second Noble Grand.

In 1915 he and his wife, Clementine (Hemingway) Kenniston celebrated their golden wedding.

Eminent Sir Kenniston died at Camden, May 27, 1916. Mr. and Mrs. Kenniston were the parents of one daughter, Mrs. Evelyn Heal.

### *Joseph F. Shepherd*

Eminent Sir Joseph Frederick Shepherd was born at Rockport, Maine, April 12, 1872, the son of Samuel E. and Ellen (Andrews) Shepherd, both of Rockport.

He attended the public schools of Rockport, Coburn Classical Institute of Waterville and Colby College, class of 1893, and is a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity of the latter institution.

He married Bertha B. West of Philadelphia, by whom he had three children, Elizabeth, Katherine and Frances, the two latter of whom are living. In 1914 he married Florence (Munroe) Hartley of Auburn, and they live at Winthrop, Mass.

While living in Rockport he was associated with the Rockland and Rockport Lime Company, later going to Boston as their representative, and at the present time is in business at Boston, with offices at 141 Milk Street.

He is an Elk, member of the Cottage Park Yacht Club, and the University Club of Boston, and a member of St. John's Episcopal Parish of Winthrop, Mass.

He was raised in St. Paul's Lodge, No. 84, of Rockport, exalted in 1896 in Keystone Chapter, No. 24, Camden, and was knighted in Claremont Commandery, No. 9, Rockland January 22, 1899, dimitting to become a Chart-

er member of Camden Commandery, No. 23.

He served as Generalissimo under Dispensation in 1905, was elected Generalissimo in 1906 and 1907 and Eminent Commander in 1908, the second Eminent Commander of the Commandery, and the Senior living Past Commander at this date (1930).

### *Elkanah E. Boynton*

Eminent Sir Elkanah Edward Boynton was born in New York City, April 6, 1870, the son of Alvah and Harriet (Spear) Boynton.

His early life was spent in Rockland, where he attended the public schools and afterwards the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy from which he graduated.

He came to Camden in 1895 and purchased the drug business of Edwin Fletcher which he conducted to the time of his death, being at that time the oldest active business man on the street in point of years of service.

Eminent Sir Boynton was intensely interested in town affairs and gave freely of his time to the community problems. He served as Town Clerk from 1903 to 1909 and was a member of the Board of Selectmen from 1925 to 1929, serving as Chairman the last two years.

Eminent Sir Boynton was raised in Amity Lodge, No. 6 in 1892, exalted in Keystone Chapter, No. 24 in 1923 and served as High Priest in 1898. He was knighted in Claremont Commandery, No. 9, Rockland, June 12, 1899 and dimitted to become a Charter Member of Camden Commandery, of which Commandery he was Eminent Commander in 1908.

He was a member of Maine Council, Order of High Priesthood, a member of King Hiram Council, R. & S. M., Rockland, a noble of Kora Temple, Mystic Shrine, Lewiston, Seaside Chapter, O. E. S., the Camden Rotary Club and most of the local organizations.

He married Jennie I. Ingraham of Rockland and died at Camden April 23, 1929 and is buried at the Achorn Cemetery, Rockland, Me.



## *Reuel Robinson*

Eminent Sir Reuel Robinson was born at Palmyra, Me., September 25, 1858, the son of Daniel and Susan (Bruce) Robinson. He prepared for college at the Maine Central Institute at Pittsfield, Maine and graduated in 1877. He graduated from Bates College, Lewiston, in the class of 1881, was class orator and received the degree of A. B., 1881, was class orator and received the degree of A.B., and three years later the A. M. degree. He married Blanche G. Atkins of Camden, December 22, 1885.

He came to Camden as Principal of the High School in 1883 and was successful as a teacher, but law appealed to him more strongly and he entered the office of Thaddeus R. Simonton to continue the study of his profession. He was admitted to the Knox County Bar in 1888 and was elected Judge of Probate for Knox County the same year. Although he was an ardent Republican and much sought as an organizer and campaign speaker, his only political office held was as Judge of Probate and Postmaster of Camden, a position to which he was appointed in 1922 and which he held at the time of his death. He attended nearly all the county and state conventions of his party and was a delegate to the Republican National Convention at Chicago in 1916.

Judge Robinson was intensely interested in all phases of life in his adopted town, and especially so in the industrial development, and was a Director and Assistant Treasurer of the Camden Woolen Company, and a Director and Treasurer of the Penobscot Woolen Company. He was for many years a Director of the Camden Yacht Building and Railway Company and served as its President for three years.

Judge Robinson was a gifted orator and was much sought as a speaker, especially as a Memorial Day orator.

He was also a gifted writer and served as Editor of The Camden Herald for three years and wrote innumerable sketches and poems for the Herald and other publications. Several of his Masonic poems are incorporated

in the body of this history. His best known publication are his history of Camden and Rockport, History of Amity Lodge and History of Keystone Chapter.

In 1915 he organized the Literary Club known as the Decemvir Club, a club composed of ten local men who meet monthly for dinner and for discussion of a paper prepared and read by one of the members. This Club is still in existence, just starting its fifteenth year (1930).

He was a valued member of the Board of Trustees of the Camden Public Library and for several years was Treasurer of the Board.

In early life he became interested in fraternal organizations and held all the subordinate offices in the Odd Fellows Lodge and served as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine in 1893-94.

He was raised in Amity Lodge in 1885 and was Worshipful Master in 1890. He served as Secretary of Keystone Chapter from 1887 to 1890 and was High Priest in 1892.

He was knighted in Claremont Commandery, Rockland, June 15, 1903 and dimitted to become a charter member of Camden Commandery, and served as Eminent Commander in 1909. He served as Prelate from 1911 to 1924 a period of thirteen years.

Upon the occasion of the First Past Commanders' Night of Camden Commandery in 1917, Judge Robinson was presented with a beautiful silver loving cup, the gift of his Camden fraters in token of his long and faithful services in Camden Commandery.

He was also a member of King Hiram Council of Rockland, one of the early members of Kora Temple, Mystic Shrine, Lewiston and a Past Patron of Seaside Chapter, O. E. S. and a member of Maine Consistory, Portland.

He was made an honorary member of Amity Lodge in 1924, one of the few to be so honored for long and honorable service in the history of this ancient lodge.

He died at Camden, June 19, 1927.





REUEL ROBINSON  
Eminent Commander 1909—Prelate 1911-24





## *J. Tyleston Gould*

Eminent Sir J. Tyleston Gould was born in Union, Me., June 14, 1876, the son of Tyleston and Fannie (Wight) Gould.

His father died a few months before J. Tyleston was born, and he was brought up in the home of his grandparents.

He married Eva Thurston, and to them were born two sons. They made their home in Rockport where Eminent Sir Gould was engaged in the grocery business.

Eminent Sir Gould served his town for several years as Selectman, and also as Tax Collector.

He was raised in St. Paul's Lodge, Rockport, was exalted in Keystone Chapter in 1900 and was knighted in Claremont Commandery, No. 9, Rockland, January 21, 1901, dimitting to become a Charter Member of Camden Commandery.

He served as Eminent Commander of Camden Commandery in 1910.

Eminent Sir Gould was accidentally drowned at Bath, Me., June 24, 1914 while returning from a Commandery Pilgrimage at Farmington, and is buried at Camden.

## *Charles G. Weaver*

Eminent Sir Charles Gilmore Weaver was born in Waldoboro, Maine, April 27, 1859, the son of Gardner B. and Sarah F. Weaver. He attended the public schools of that town until he was nineteen years of age.

After three years spent in Massachusetts, he returned to Maine, and for five years was employed at the Georges River Woolen Mill at Warren as a weaver and loom fixer. In 1886 he moved to Lewiston, Me., for a short time, then to Bridgton, where he found employment at his trade in the Woolen Mills.

Coming to Camden in 1887 to work in the new Camden Woolen Mill, just starting, he has been a resident of Camden ever since, with the exception of some few years spent in Bridgton and Worcester, Mass., setting up looms.

He followed woolen weaving for twenty-eight years in

all its details from weaving to designing, fifteen of these years as overseer of weaving, and for the past twenty years has been janitor of the Camden High School.

Eminent Sir Weaver married Lucy Jane Watts of Warren, May 3, 1884, and they attend the Chestnut Street Baptist Church.

He has been an Odd Fellow for forty-eight years, a member of the Subordinate Lodge, Encampment and Rebekah Lodge, the last two of which he is a Charter member and Past C. P. of the Encampment.

Eminent Sir Weaver has had an active career in all the Masonic Bodies of which he is a member and has always been intensely interested in Masonry.

He was raised in Amity Lodge, No. 6, Camden on April 6, 1894 and became Worshipful Master in 1903. He was exalted in Keystone Chapter, December 12, 1894 and was installed High Priest in 1901.

Greeted in King Hiram Council, R. & S. M., of Rockland, Noember 15, 1901 and consecrated in Maine Council of High Priests May 8, 1901 by Josiah H. Drummond, President.

Eminent Sir Weaver was knighted in Claremont Commandery, No. 9, Rockland on May 21, 1900, and took a dimit Nov. 14, 1904 to become a Charter Member of Camden Commandery, No. 23, organized the following spring. He was Prelate of the Commandery under Dispensation and elected Prelate in 1906 and 1907. He served in the line until his election as Eminent Commander in 1911, for the next nine years served as Guard and since 1921 has conferred the Red Cross and Malta degrees on over one hundred candidates.

At the twenty-fifth Anniversary Conclave February 11, 1930, Eminent Sir Weaver was cited as the outstanding Templar Knight of the Commandery and received special recognition at that session for his twenty-five years of Active Templar Service.

He received the degree of the Scottish Rite in the Rockland Bodies to the Eighteenth Degree in 1904 and 1905 and in Maine Consistory the 32 Degree on May 19, 1905.

He is a Charter member of Seaside Chapter, No. 70,



O. E. S., Camden which was organized February 26, 1900 and chartered May 17, 1900.

He has been President of the Masonic Temple Association since 1922 and is a Trustee of Amity Lodge Charity Fund.

### *Jesse H. Ogier*

Eminent Sir Jesse Hosmer Ogier was born in Camden, Maine, February 13, 1871, the son of Joseph W. and Abbie W. Ogier, and a descendant of one of the town's earliest settlers, Abraham Ogier, a French Huguenot who came to Camden about 1773. His great grandfather Lewis and his grandfather Abraham were influential citizens and zealous Masons, being two of the "Immortal Nine" who held the charter of Amity Lodge during the dark days of the anti-Masonic excitement.

Eminent Sir Ogier was valedictorian of the class of 1889, Camden High School and graduated with honors from Colby College in the class of 1893.

His first venture in the newspaper field was at Damariscotta, where he purchased and edited the Damariscotta Herald. While at Damariscotta he married Emma Fuller, October 6, 1896.

In June 1898 he purchased the "Camden Herald" and continued as Publisher and Editor until his death. After his death his wife continued the publication for a few years, and sold her interests to Col. Ernest A. Robbins, the present owner and editor.

Although a natural orator and much interested in politics, Em. Sir Ogier never held political office except that he was Superintendent of Schools at Damariscotta and held the same position several years at Camden. He also acted as Moderator at several town meetings.

He was made a Mason at Damariscotta, but afterwards affiliated with Amity Lodge of Camden, of which lodge he was Master in 1904. He was a member of Keystone Chapter and served as High Priest in 1904. He was knighted in Camden Commandery Nov. 19, 1907 and was Eminent Commander in 1912. He was a member of Maine Council, Order of High Priesthood, a member of King



Hiram Council and a Past Patron of Seaside Chapter, O. E. S., also a Past Chancellor Commander of Camden Lodge of K. of P.

Eminent Sir Ogier served at one time as President of the Maine Press Association and was Class President of his Colby Alumni Class.

He was one of the Charter members and active in the Decemvir Club, a local literary club composed of ten men.

He died Nov. 1, 1920, after a long illness of tuberculosis and is survived by his wife and two children, Doris B. and Albert B.

### *Alfred F. Beverage*

Eminent Sir Alfred F. Beverage was born at North Haven, Maine, October 28, 1867, the son of Nathan P. and Ada (Frye) Beverage.

He came to Camden about 1870 and attended the public schools, including three years at the Camden High School. In 1895 he married Cora M. Dow and they have one son, Henry S., who resides in Portland.

Eminent Sir Beverage is a printer by trade and has worked for the Camden Herald, but for the past thirty years has been in charge of the printing department of the Ordway Plaster Company, a mail order business at Camden.

He has considerable dramatic ability and for many years has been in demand in amateur theatricals and local minstrel shows, usually in the leading role. He has taken part in hundreds of shows in this and surrounding towns.

Eminent Sir Beverage was raised in Amity Lodge in 1894, served as Worshipful Master in 1898 and 1899, exalted in Keystone Chapter in 1897 and served as High Priest in 1902.

He was the second to be knighted in Camden Commandery October 6, 1906, served as Prelate in 1908 and was Eminent Commander in 1913.

## *Charles A. Wilson*

Eminent Sir Charles Alton Wilson was born at Islesboro, Maine, August 1, 1858, the son of Joseph and Mary (Heald) Wilson. His early life was spent in Lincolnville, but he was a resident of Camden for forty years, coming here about 1885.

At the age of eleven he went to sea in the schooner C. D. Oliver, and for seventeen years was engaged in the banks and mackerel fisheries.

His wife's maiden name was Mary Brackett.

Retiring from the sea he was employed for a time at the Knox Mill, but soon went into business for himself as a cabinet maker and painter. He was made a Master Mason in Amity Lodge in 1887 and served as Worshipful Master in 1903 and 1904 and was District Deputy Grand Master of the Ninth Masonic District in 1913.

He joined Keystone Chapter in 1889 and served as High Priest in 1897.

He was knighted in Claremont Commandery March 4, 1901, but dimitted to become a Charter member of Camden Commandery and its Eminent Commander in 1914. He served as Recorder of the Commandery from 1919 to 1924. He was a member of King Hiram Council and a Past Patron of Seaside Chapter, O. E. S.

He died at Camden, January 5, 1925.

## *George A. Tuttle*

Eminent Sir George Alvin Tuttle was born October 24, 1847 at Charlestown, Mass., the son of James and Ann Tuttle. He attended the grade schools of that city and went with his parents to Richland, Wisconsin in the spring of 1866. He married Lucy L. Smith of Loyd, Wis., who died November 2, 1876, leaving two girls. He married Nellie L. Curtis, November 10, 1878 and there was born to them a boy and two girls.

He came to the State of Maine in 1890 where he followed his trade of stone mason.

February 10, 1903 he joined Amity Lodge, No. 6, was



exalted in Keystone Chapter, No. 24 the same year, and was knighted in Claremont Commandery January 18, 1904, dimitting to become a charter member of Camden Commandery and its first Treasurer, holding that position eleven years when he was elected Eminent Commander in 1915. He was High Priest of Keystone Chapter in 1908 and again in 1914.

Eminent Sir Tuttle is also a member of King Hiram Council, of Rockland, a noble of the Mystic Shrine of Kora Temple, Lewiston, and a member of Maine Consistory, 32 Degree Scottish Rite.

Since 1925 he has been a resident of the Wisconsin Masonic Home at Dousman, Wis.

### *Allie O. Pillsbury*

Eminent Sir Allie Oakes Pillsbury was born in Rockland, Maine, November 13, 1876, the son of Captain Montero and Emma (Rogers) Pillsbury. He attended the public schools of Rockland and the Commercial College, afterwards learning the plumbing trade which he has since followed.

Eminent Sir Pillsbury has a long and honorable military service and is a veteran of two wars. From 1896 to 1907 he was a member of the Tilson Light Infantry Company of Rockland, serving as Captain of the Company in 1906. From May 2, 1898 to October 30, 1898 he served with his outfit in the war with Spain, holding the rank of Sergeant. From May 15, 1918 to September 3, 1919 he served in the World War in the Quartermaster's Department, being stationed overseas for a year.

He is a member of Anderson Camp, No. 7, Sons of Union Veterans, and Commander of the Camp in 1896, is a member of Freeman- Herrick Camp, United Spanish War Veterans and served as Commander in 1926. He is also a member of Arey-Heal Post, American Legion of Camden.

Eminent Sir Pillsbury was made a Mason in Amity Lodge, No. 6 in 1909, two years after moving to Camden, and served as Worshipful Master of the Lodge in 1914,

he was exalted in Keystone Chapter No. 24, R. A. M., and served as High Priest in 1915.

He was knighted in Camden Commandery March 26, 1912 and served as Eminent Commander in 1916 and was Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Commandery of Maine in 1923. He is a member of King Hiram Council, R. & S. M., Rockland, a member of Maine Council of High Priesthood and served as Worthy Patron of Seaside Chapter, No. 70, O. E. S. in 1922.

Eminent Sir Pillsbury married May Bates Reed of Camden, October 1, 1924, is a valued member of the Camden Board of Trade, by religious preference an Episcopalian, and has one daughter, Marion, by a former marriage.

### *Edwin F. Burkett*

Eminent Sir Edwin Forrest Burkett was born at Charlestown, Mass., November 5, 1866 the son of Edwin and Catherine (Sartelle) Burkett.

He attended the common schools of Charlestown and early in life learned the baker's trade which he has since followed.

He followed his trade in various towns in Massachusetts, Bridgton and Camden, Maine, becoming associated with his brother Eminent Sir Benjamin C. G. Burkett in the firm of Burkett Brothers, opening the business which they still conduct in Camden about 1910.

Eminent Sir Burkett joined the Blue Lodge, Chapter and Commandery at Bridgton, Maine, but at the present time is a member of Amity Lodge, Keystone Chapter and Camden Commandery, affiliating with the latter body May 9, 1911, and serving as Eminent Commander in 1917.

He is also a member of Seaside Chapter, O. E. S., King Hiram Council, Rockland and Kora Temple, Mystic Shrine, Lewiston, as well as a Knights of Pythias.

He married Ethel Snow of Rockland, and they live on Washington Street, Camden.



## *William F. Rankin*

Eminent Sir William Frederick Rankin was born at North Vassalboro, Maine, October 24, 1870 the son of Thomas and Hannah (Morrow) Rankin. He attended the common schools of Vassalboro and Waterville High School.

He came to Camden in 1891 and was employed by the P. G. Willey Company until 1920 when he purchased the harness business which he still conducts (1930) on Mechanic street, Camden. Eminent Sir Rankin was raised in Amity Lodge, No. 6, F. & A. M. June 30, 1911, was exalted in Keystone Chapter, No. 24, R. A. M. in 1912 and was knighted in Camden Commandery June 17, 1912.

Eminent Sir Rankin has held every line office in the Commandery, was Eminent Commander in 1918 and has served as Prelate since 1923.

## *George E. Allen*

Eminent Sir George Edgar Allen was born in South Hope, Maine, January 21, 1864 the son of Joshua and Sophronia (Grinnell) Allen. His mother was a direct descendant of Governor Bradford, one of the Pilgrims who came to America in the Mayflower, she being of the seventh generation.

He attended the common schools of St. George, Maine, and a private High School.

He married Mary E. Goggins, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. George E. Goggins of Milbridge, Me., in 1887, and they have one son, Hervey C. Allen, who is associated with his father in business.

Mr. Allen's early manhood was spent in St. George where he conducted a clothing store, and was afterwards employed in telephone work.

After coming to Camden he established an insurance and real estate business which has developed into one of the largest on the Maine coast.

Mr. Allen served as Town Treasurer of St. George for several years, and served the town of Camden as Selectman in 1927.

Mr. Allen has always been an earnest worker for the development of Camden, both as a summer resort and industrially. He is a Director of the Maine Coast Real Estate Company and a Director and Clerk of the Penobscot Woolen Company, a Director of the Camden Yacht Club, a former President of the Camden Board of Trade and organizer, charter member and first President of the Camden Rotary Club. He is a Republican in politics, a lover of clean sports, and by religious preference a Baptist.

He is a member of Amity Lodge and served as its Worshipful Master in 1907, a member of Keystone Chapter, No. 24 R. A. M., King Hiram Council, R. & S. M., and a Past Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star, and a 32nd degree Mason of Maine Consistory.

Eminent Sir Allen was knighted in Claremont Commandery, Rockland, September 14, 1903 and is a Charter member of Camden Commandery, its first Recorder, serving for four years, served as Treasurer of Camden Commandery from 1915 to 1919 and was Eminent Commander in 1919. Mr. Allen is also a member of Mt. Battie Lodge of Odd Fellows and Camden Lodge, Knights of Pythias. He has served on the Commandery Auditing Committee since 1924. He represented Camden in the Legislature in 1929 and in 1930 was elected Chairman of the Republican Town Committee.

### *Leslie D. Ames*

Eminent Sir Leslie D. Ames was born in Lincolnville, Maine, October 10, 1867, the son of George S. and Zilpa (Parker) Ames. The family moved to Northport in 1868 and the first twenty-five years of Eminent Sir Ames' life was spent in that town.

He attended the common schools of Northport and Lincolnville and graduated from Castine Normal School in 1891. After several years of teaching, one year of which he was superintendent of the schools of Northport, he conducted a general store at Lincolnville for eighteen years. During this time he was Chairman of the Board of



Selectmen for one year and Town Treasurer for ten years. He moved to Camden in 1912 and was Bookkeeper and Paymaster at the Lincoln Woolen Company for nine and one-half years. For several years afterwards he conducted a grocery store and was appointed Postmaster of Camden in 1927.

He married Mary Payson of Belfast, and they have four children, Aubrey, Harold, Lena and Allison. His son Harold is a Past Master of Amity Lodge, Past High Priest of Keystone Chapter and a Past Patron of Seaside Chapter No. 70, O. E. S.

Eminent Sir Ames was Chairman of the Board of Selectmen of Camden in 1917 and 1918.

His long and active Masonic career started August 13, 1889 when he was raised in King David Lodge, F. & A. M., Lincolnville, of which Lodge he was Master in the years 1897 and 1898. He was District Deputy Grand Master of the Eighth Masonic District in 1903 and 1904.

After moving to Camden he affiliated with Amity Lodge, No. 6, of which lodge he is the present Secretary (1930).

He was exalted in Keystone Chapter No. 24, in 1904 and was High Priest in 1909 and has served as Secretary of the Chapter since 1916 to the present time.

Eminent Sir Ames was knighted in Camden Commandery October 19, 1915, served as Recorder from 1915 to 1920 and was Eminent Commander in 1920 and is Chairman of the Twenty-fifth Anniversary Committee. Since 1914 he has been a member of the Commandery Auditing Committee.

Eminent Sir Ames is also a Past Master of King Hiram Council, No. 6, Rockland, a member of Maine Chapter, No. 1 of the Past Officers' Association, having passed the chairs in all the York Rite bodies.

He is a Past Patron of Beach Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, a member of Seaside Chapter, O. E. S., and a Past Master Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Maine, Order of the Eastern Star.

## *Frank J. McDonnell*

Eminent Sir Frank John McDonnell was born at Brooklin, Maine, January 9, 1889, the son of John J. and Ellen McDonnell.

He attended the public schools of Bath, Maine and in 1906 enlisted in the United States Navy, serving aboard the U. S. S. Louisiana of the White Squadron. During the term of his enlistment he cruised around the world and was discharged in Pensacola, Florida in May, 1909. In the fall of that year he entered the employ of the New England Telephone Company and has continued with them to the present time with the exception of the time he was in the army during the World War.

Eminent Sir McDonnell married Nettie Paul of Camden who died Feb. 11, 1922. He married second, Blanche Woster of Rockport, Nov. 29, 1924 in which town he now resides.

He is a member of Amity Lodge, No. 6, F. & A. M., Camden, Keystone Chapter, No. 24, Camden, King Hiram Council, No. 6, Rockland, and is a Noble of Kora Temple of the Mystic Shrine.

He was knighted in Camden Commandery March 9, 1916 and served as Eminent Commander in 1921.

He served in the World War in the 301st Field Signal Battalion in France, holding the position of Sergeant. He was discharged in July 1919 at Camp Devens, Mass.

He is a member of Arey-Heal Post, American Legion.

## *John L. Tewksbury*

Eminent Sir John Leslie Tewksbury was born in Dover, Maine, March 26, 1883, the son of Samuel S. and Emma (Royal) Tewksbury. On his seventh birthday his parents moved to Lewiston, Maine, where he attended the graded schools, graduating from Lewiston High School in 1903. He was captain of the Lewiston High School football team in 1901 and 1902 and Captain of the Track Team in 1903, holding the school record for the mile and half mile run for many years. During his Senior year at



High School he was elected Grand President of the Sigma Lambda Nu Fraternity, a national preparatory school fraternity and was re-elected four terms, presiding at the sessions at Buffalo and Brooklyn, N. Y., Toledo, Ohio and Auburn, Maine.

He attended the University of Maine one year, and played on the football team. Leaving college he went to Lowell, Mass., where he learned the retail drug business, afterwards following his profession of Registered Pharmacist at Lewiston, Auburn and Camden, Maine.

He came to Camden in 1912 and on September 9, 1913 married Evelyn Morrison of Auburn. They have one daughter Ruth, a student at Camden High School.

Eminent Sir Tewksbury, a Democrat in politics, was Clerk of the Camden Village Corporation from 1914 to 1921, was elected Town Clerk in 1919 and still holds that position (1930). He has also been Town Auditor for the same length of time and was a member of the Camden School Board in 1922. He served as President of the Camden Board of Trade in 1920 and 1921 and was Treasurer of the Democratic Town Committee for ten years. In 1919 he entered the employ of the Camden National Bank as a Clerk and was elected Assistant Cashier in 1923, the position he still holds.

He served three years in the Massachusetts Militia, six years in the Maine National Guard and during the World War was a member of the Camden Draft Board, Chairman of the Membership Committee of the Red Cross and Chairman of the War Savings Stamp Committee.

Eminent Sir Tewksbury has held office in the Masonic bodies for twenty years and has attended the sessions of the Grand Bodies at Portland since 1916.

He was made a Mason in Tranquil Lodge, No. 29, Auburn, June 29, 1909 but dimitted to Amity Lodge of Camden of which lodge he was Worshipful Master in 1919, he was exalted in Keystone Chapter December 11, 1912 and served as High Priest in 1918. He served as Master of King Hiram Council at Rockland in 1920 and was Patron of Seaside Chapter, No. 70, O. E. S. in 1923.

He was knighted in Camden Commandery April 8,

1913 and was elected Eminent Commander in 1922. Since 1924 he has served as Recorder of the Commandery and is the author of the History of Camden Commandery, published in 1930 at the time of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Commandery.

He is a member of Maine Council of High Priests, a member of Maine Chapter No. 1, Past Officers' Association, a noble of Kora Temple, Mystic Shrine, Lewiston and served as District Deputy Grand Master of the ninth Masonic District in 1927 and 1928.

He was appointed to an office in the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maine in 1921 and has held office in the Grand Chapter ever since, being at the present time (1930) Right Excellent Grand Scribe.

Eminent Sir Tewksbury is Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Charity Fund of Amity Lodge, Chairman of the Finance Committee of Keystone Chapter and a Director of the Masonic Temple Association. He is a member of the Credentials Committee of the Grand Commandery and Representative of the Grand Chapter of Maine to the Grand Chapter of South Dakota.

He is a member of the Decemvir Club of Camden, a member of Maine Chapter Sons of the American Revolution and the compiler of several family genealogies.

### *James F. Burgess*

Eminent Sir James Frank Burgess was born at Searsmont, Maine, October 27, 1868, the son of Edward and Mary A. Burgess. He attended the town schools and E. M. C. Seminary at Bucksport.

For a few years after leaving school he lived on a farm and taught school winters, serving on the school board and was Superintendent of Schools of Searsmont for three years, after which he was employed in a general store for several years.

He studied optometry at the Philadelphia Optical College at Philadelphia and during his spare time learned the watchmakers' and jewelry trade.

In 1898 he opened an office on Chestnut Street, Cam-



den as a Watchmaker and Optician continuing in business in Camden until 1910 when he moved to Rockland and opened his present office on Main street.

He was the first in Knox County to use the new word optometrist in place of the former word optician describing his profession. Eminent Sir Burgess is skillful in his profession and has built up a large and lucrative business, having patients scattered over a large territory.

Eminent Sir Burgess married Ethel French of Camden November 14, 1906 and they have three children, Bradford, Richard and Gordon.

He is a member of the Maine Association of Optometrists and was President of the Association in 1925 and 1926, he is also a member of the New England Council of Optometry and the American Association of Optometry, a member of "Beta Sigma Kappa", International honorary fraternity of Optometrists and a charter member of the Rockland Lions' Club.

Eminent Sir Burgess has had a long and active Masonic career, he was made a Master Mason in Quantibacook Lodge, No. 129, Searsmont, March 23, 1895, but dimitted to Amity Lodge, No. 6 of Camden of which lodge he was Worshipful Master in 1905, was exalted in Keystone Chapter No. 24, Camden, March 19, 1902 and served as High Priest in 1907. Greeted in King Hiram Council No. 6, Rockland, April 26, 1904 and served as Thrice Ill. Master in 1928. He was the first to be knighted in Camden Commandery October 2, 1906 and served as Eminent Commander in 1923.

He is a member of Maine Council of High Priests, a member of the Maine Chapter No. 1, Past Officers' Association and a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason, and a noble of Kora Temple, Mystic Shrine, Lewiston.

### *William L. Bassick*

Eminent Sir William L. Bassick was born at South Thomaston, Maine, November 13, 1882, the son of Henry and Flora M. Bassick.

He lived in Camden and attended the public schools,

afterwards being engaged in various occupations, until 1928, when he moved to Boston, Mass., to become Manager of the George D. Wetherill Paint Company. He is a member of the First Congregational Church of Camden and the Paint and Oil Club of Boston.

Eminent Sir Bassick was raised in Amity Lodge, No. 6, September 28, 1906, exalted in Keystone Chapter No. 24, October 7, 1907, and was knighted in Camden Commandery September 2, 1919 serving as Eminent Commander in 1924. He is also a member of King Hiram Council, R. & S. M. of Rockland.

He married Eva Pottle of Rockport, December 24, 1902, and after her death married Marion M. Southall of Westover, Virginia, May 16, 1919.

### *Howard D. Small*

Eminent Sir Howard Delmont Small was born in Portland, Maine, August 16, 1882, the son of William S. and Lena J. Small. He lived in Deer Isle, Me., during his youth, and attended the public schools. Coming to Camden in October 1895, he attended Camden High School three years, entering in 1896.

After leaving school he tried various occupations, finally learning the painters' trade which occupation he has since followed.

He was made a Master Mason in Amity Lodge February 11, 1916 and served as Worshipful Master in 1918. He was exalted in Keystone Chapter No. 24, January 15, 1919 and served as its High Priest in 1925, and is a member of Maine Council of High Priesthood.

Eminent Sir Small was knighted in Camden Commandery April 29, 1919 and elected Eminent Commander in 1925. He is also a member of King Hiram Council, No. 9, Rockland. Eminent Sir Small is unusually well informed in all branches of Masonry and has always been a faithful attendant at the meetings, as well as a diligent worker in the interests of the Craft.

He married Mary M. Richards of Camden, March 24, 1923.



## *Harold S. Corthell*

Eminent Sir Harold Sheldon Corthell was born in Rockport, October 21, 1897, the son of Albert and Jeanette (Sheldon) Corthell and is a descendant of one of the pioneer families of the town.

He attended the common schools of Rockport and on reaching manhood entered the employ of S. B. Haskell, Camden clothing merchant.

In 1925 Mr. Corthell was admitted to partnership and during these years has helped develop the business to one of the largest in this section of the state, the firm now having three stores and having added ladies' furnishings and garments to their former line of men's clothing.

Mr. Corthell is an active worker in all community projects and is especially interested in booming Camden as a yachting center, being an active member of the Regatta Committee which has spread the name of Camden far and wide as a yachting center.

Sir Knight Corthell is a member of St. Paul's Lodge of Masons of Rockport, Keystone Chapter and King Hiram Council R. & S. M.

He was knighted in Camden Commandery December 7, 1921 and was its Eminent Commander in 1926, having the distinction of being the youngest Commander in the history of Camden Commandery.

## *Benjamin C. G. Burkett*

Eminent Sir Benjamin Cushing Gould Burkett was born in Charlestown, Mass., June 15, 1877, the son of Edwin and Catherine (Sartelle) Burkett, his mother being a native of Camden, and his father a native of Waldoboro. He attended the public schools of Boston and Somerville until 1893.

He married Alice F. Douglas of Rockland and has four children, Frank, Clifford, Winnifred and Freda.

He was a meat cutter by trade, which trade he followed until 1897 when he learned the baking business. In 1910 he entered into a partnership with his brother, Ed-

win F., under the name of Burkett Brothers, which business they now conduct at Camden.

Eminent Sir Burkett is a Past Chancellor Commander of Camden Lodge, Knights of Pythias, Captain of Olympia Company, U. R. K. P., a Past Commander of the Penobscot Tent, Knights of the Maccabees, a member of the U. O. Golden Cross, and a member of the Chestnut Street Baptist Church, Camden.

He was raised in Amity Lodge, No. 6, F. & A. M., December 19, 1913, joined Keystone Chapter, No. 24 in 1914, and was knighted in Camden Commandery April 12, 1918. He served as Eminent Commander 1927. He is also a member of King Hiram Council and of Kora Temple, Order of the Mystic Shrine.

### *Alfred F. Sherman*

Eminent Sir Alfred Farnham Sherman was born at South Thomaston, Maine, December 16, 1881, the son of Edward and Sarah (Farnham) Sherman.

He attended the public schools of Rockland and Rockland Commercial College.

He was for twelve years a sailmaker at Rockland, and came to Camden in 1916, purchasing the boot and shoe business which he still conducts on Elm street. He married Ethel Marshall of Cushing and their daughter Therese, is a graduate of Gorham Normal School and is a teacher.

Eminent Sir Sherman married for his second wife Myrtle Hills of Camden July 11, 1928, who is associated with him in business.

He is a member of the Chestnut Street Baptist Church and has had charge of the music of that church for several years.

Eminent Sir Sherman is a member of Amity Lodge, Keystone Chapter, King Hiram Council, Rockland, Maine Council of High Priesthood and Seaside Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

He served as Worshipful Master of Amity Lodge in 1920, was High Priest of Keystone Chapter in 1924 and



Patron of Seaside Chapter, O. E. S. for several terms.

Eminent Sir Sherman was knighted in Camden Commandery, April 29, 1919 and served as Eminent Commander in 1928.

### *Charles E. Moore*

Eminent Sir Charles Ernest Moore was born at Westbrook, Maine, January 19, 1880, the son of Charles R. and Emma E. Moore.

He attended the public schools of Windham, and while a student at Gorham Normal School won a scholarship at Brown University at Providence, R. I., and attended that institution for two years.

For six years he was in the employ of street railroads at Worcester, Mass., and Portland, Maine. For three years he was proprietor of a restaurant in Portland, after which he learned the woolen business which he has since followed, being at the present time Overseer of Spinning at the Camden Woolen Company.

He was married to Edna P. Owen of Camden October 26, 1922.

Eminent Sir Moore was raised in Amity Lodge, No. 6, January 22, 1925, exalted in Keystone Chapter No. 24, April 1, 1925 and knighted in Camden Commandery May 26, 1925, being at the present time (1930) Eminent Commander of Camden Commandery.

He is a member of Seaside Chapter, O. E. S. No. 70, Anah Temple, Mystic Shrine, Bangor, Camden Board of Trade and the Business Men's Club.

### *Fred W. Elwell*

Fred Wallace Elwell, Generalissimo of Camden Commandery (1930) was born at St. George, Maine, June 9, 1878, the son of William A. and Carrie (Hodgman) Elwell. He was left an orphan at the age of six and grew up in the family of Captain J. A. Fountain of Camden. He attended the Camden schools, was in Waterville in 1891 and graduated from Thomaston High School in 1896.

He started work as a clerk in the dry goods store of

Follansbee & Wood of Camden in 1896 and in 1922 bought the interests of the surviving partner, Charles C. Wood, since which time he has conducted the business in his own name.

He married Jessie H. Start June 21, 1905, and they reside at Megunticook Lake.

Sir Knight Elwell was raised in Amity Lodge No. 6 in February 1911 and has served as treasurer of the lodge since 1926.

He was exalted in Keystone Chapter in 1925 and is the present king in the chapter.

He was knighted in Camden Commandery February 2, 1926 and at the present time (1930) is serving as Generalissimo, having advanced through the subordinate offices to his present position.

Sir Knight Elwell is a member of most of the local social and civic organizations.

### *Fessenden W. Miller*

Sir Knight Fessenden W. Miller, the present Captain General of Camden Commandery was born in Union, Maine, February 12, 1879, the son of John A. and Lura (Rokes) Miller.

He attended the public schools of Union and in 1894 entered the employ of the New England Telephone Company as night operator at Augusta, attending Cony High School for two years. He continued employment with this company in various capacities until 1903 when he was made manager of their exchange at Camden. He held this position until 1910 when he resigned to enter the postal service at Camden as assistant postmaster, which position he holds at the present time.

He married Faustina Wardwell, daughter of John J. and Mary (Berry) Wardwell, and they have two children in Camden High School, John and Mary.

Sir Knight Miller was raised in Amity Lodge, No. 6, January 6, 1904 and served as its Worshipful Master in 1909.



He was exalted in Keystone Chapter, No. 24, in 1905 and was elected treasurer of the chapter in 1929.

He was knighted in Camden Commandery February 5, 1907, served for several years as Guard, one year as Warder and was elected Captain General in 1929.

Sir Knight Miller is a member of King Hiram Council, Rockland, Seaside Chapter, O. E. S., and various local associations including the Camden-Rockport Lions' Club.

### *Charles C. Wood*

Charles Clark Wood was born in Camden, Maine, February 16, 1869, son of Ephraim M. and Sarah E. (Cleveland) Wood, both of whom were natives of Camden. He attended the Camden public schools and graduated from Camden High School in 1885. In 1887 he attended Eastman Business College at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., for several months.

For a period of thirty-seven years he was engaged in the dry goods business at Camden, being a member of the firm of Follansbee & Wood, for nearly twenty-nine years of that time. In 1907 he became a director of the Camden National Bank and has been its president since November 1, 1910. Mr. Wood was elected a director of the Knox Woolen Company, one of the leading industries in Knox County in 1918 and has served as its president since July, 1925.

He represented the class towns of Camden and Rockport in the State Legislature of 1899 and was the first Town Clerk of the new town of Camden from 1891 to 1901. He has belonged to the Odd Fellows since 1890 and has served as Noble Grand and has been a valued member of the Town Budget Committee for many years. He married Inez C. Munroe, a native of Lincolnville, September 15, 1910, and both attend the Chestnut Street Baptist Church.

Sir Knight Wood was raised in Amity Lodge in 1893 and served as treasurer for a period of fifteen years. He is a life member of that lodge.

He joined Keystone Chapter, No. 24, in 1897 and was

knighted in Camden Commandery May 26, 1908, holding office constantly since that date, being a Guard for ten years and Treasurer since 1919.

He is also a member of King Hiram Council, No. 6, Rockland, and a 32 degree Scottish Rite Mason.

He is a member of most of the local social and business organizations including the Camden Rotary Club.

He has been a director and clerk of the Camden Masonic Temple Association since 1898.

### *George T. Hodgman*

George Thomas Hodgman was born in Camden, Maine, November 25, 1860, the son of George and Beatrice Hodgman.

He attended the Camden public schools and at the age of twenty was admitted into partnership in the firm of Miller and Cleveland, clothiers. A year later he purchased the interests of his partners and with his brother, J. Hale Hodgman, continued the business. His brother retired from the firm in a few years, and Mr. Hodgman continued the business alone until the time of his death. His widow at the present time (1930) runs the business.

He married Annabel Shepherd of Rockport.

Mr. Hodgman was active in the civic life of the town and held many offices of trust and responsibility.

He was clerk of the Camden Village Corporation for several years, second Selectman in 1893 and 1894, and chairman of the Board of Selectmen, 1924 and 1925.

He was Deputy Collector of Customs in the Camden District from 1890 to 1893 and Postmaster of Camden for three terms, his first appointment being in 1898.

He served as Representative to the Legislature in 1910 and was a member of the Camden School Board from 1911 to 1923.

Mr. Hodgman was keenly interested in politics and had a state wide acquaintance among politicians and was for several years a member of the Republican State Committee.

He was a Past Noble Grand of Mt. Battie Lodge of Odd



Fellows and a member of Megunticook Encampment and the Rebekahs.

He was a past president of the Camden Board of Trade.

He received his Masonic degrees in Amity Lodge in 1883, served as Worshipful Master in 1889 and at the time of his death was next to the oldest Past Master of that lodge living. He joined Keystone Chapter in 1885 and was its Treasurer from 1894 to 1926, a period of thirty-two years.

Sir Knight Hodgman was knighted in Claremont Commandery of Rockland, April 21, 1902 and dimitted to become a charter member of Camden Commandery. For a period of fifteen years he served as a Guard in Camden Commandery. He died at Camden, March 14, 1926.

### *Rev. Lewis D. Evans*

Rev. Lewis Darenydd Evans was born at Pendaen, Wales, April 20, 1848, one of a family of thirteen children. His father was a miner, and Sir Knight Evans worked in the coal and iron mines until 1868, when he came to America, where he worked in the mines in Pennsylvania for two years.

Seeking a broader field and desiring an education, he studied for a while at Western Reserve University, and in 1875 graduated from the Bangor Theological Seminary. He was ordained in June, 1875, and his pastorate was at Bristol, Me., where he remained six years and where he married Hester A. Huston, of Damariscotta. He preached at Lee, N. H., for three years and at Boothbay Harbor for five years, coming to Camden in 1889.

He served the parish at Camden faithfully for twenty-five years, when he resigned and was pastor emeritus for eight years preceding his death.

He affiliated with Amity Lodge, No. 6, April 7, 1894, was exalted in Keystone Chapter in 1905, and was knighted in Camden Commandery April 30, 1907.

While he never held office in the Masonic bodies, his services were often in demand upon the occasion of installations and at Christmas observances, services always

cheerfully rendered, and several years before his death he was made an honorary member in all three bodies, an honor never before bestowed upon a single member, and an honor of which he was justly proud. He was an active member of King Hiram Council and Seaside Chapter, O. E. S.

In his native land Sir Knight Evans had written and had published several poems in the Welsh language and had written several in English. This poetical trait has been inherited by his daughter, who has written poems of unusual merit.

To Rev. and Mrs. Evans four children were born, Henry D., a Past High Priest of Cushnoc Chapter, Augusta, Abbie H., Albion G., who died young, and Frank C.

Rev. Sir Evans died at Camden, December 12, 1922.

### *Charles P. Nash*

Sir Knight Charles Pitman Nash was born in Clarkstown, N. Y., March 16, 1831.

He obtained his education in a district school. His father dying when he was eleven years old, he was taken from school and assisted in the support of the family. In 1851 he began studying with a friend and fitted himself for a teacher, and became very successful, teaching in New Jersey and Michigan. He began preaching at the same time and was ordained Sept. 6, 1856 in the Christian Denomination. Having changed his views somewhat he fellowshipped with the Universalist Denomination June 12, 1862.

He enlisted in September 1863, receiving the appointment of Chaplain in the Seventh Michigan Cavalry, serving until the close of the war. When his brigade was sent to Fort Hallock on the plains, he accompanied it and like many others of the brigade, he was destitute of funds, and accepted an offer to chop wood on the Rocky Mountains for the soldiers' quarters, one hundred cords being his share of the amount for which he received the sum of one hundred dollars. He was mustered out of the army in December, 1865.



He became a Mason early in life, receiving the degrees soon after becoming of age and was Worshipful Master of a lodge at Oakwood in 1859. He was a charter member of the first Masonic Lodge at Muskegon, Mich., and Worshipful Master of Bay City Lodge in 1866-1868 of Bay City, Mich.

He received the Royal Arch degrees in 1861 and the Commandery degrees in the west. At the time of his death he was a member of the Lodge and Chapter of Holy Mich., King Hiram Council of Rockland, and Camden Commandery. He served as Recorder of Camden Commandery 1909-1910-1911.

His first charge as a Minister was at Muskegon, Mich., his second at Bay City, Mich., afterwards at Newton, Iowa, and Concord, Mich. In March 1875 he came to Rockland, Maine and in 1876 settled at Lewiston, Maine.

April 1879 he began his pastorate of the Camden Circuit, consisting of Camden, Hope and So. Hope, in addition often preaching at Union and Lincolnville. Later he held pastorates in New Hampshire, Ohio and Michigan.

Sir Knight Nash left his uniform to Camden Commandery, the only bequest the Commandery has ever received from any Sir Knight.

He died at Camden, Maine, January 1, 1913.

## Charter Members

### Knighted in Claremont Commandery

Herbert L. Shepherd	March 3, 1885
Edwin C. Fletcher	November 15, 1886
Thomas A. Hunt	March 28, 1887
Leander M. Kenniston	November 25, 1887
Job H. Montgomery	May 28, 1888
Thomas D. French	October 8, 1888
Edwin Amesbury	August 4, 1890
Stephen Y. Weidman	November 11, 1894
James N. Fowler	November 26, 1894
Willard S. Giles	July 1, 1895
Fred K. Allen	August 29, 1898
Joseph F. Shepherd	January 22, 1899
Frank A. Magune	May 15, 1899
Elkanah E. Boynton	June 12, 1899
Luie M. Chandler	November 6, 1899
Cyrus P. Brown	November 6, 1899
Stephen G. Ritterbush	May 21, 1900
Charles G. Weaver	May 21, 1900
Job W. Ingraham	May 21, 1900
Sylvester L. Arau	October 29, 1900
Jacob N. Hary	November 9, 1900
J. Tyleston Gould	January 21, 1901
Charles A. Wilson	March 4, 1901
George A. Shorkley	June 17, 1901
George W. Varney	August 19, 1901
Dunbar W. Pierson	September 2, 1901
George T. Hodgman	April 21, 1902
Joseph A. Brewster	June 15, 1903
Reuel Robinson	June 15, 1903
George E. Allen	September 14, 1903
George A. Tuttle	January 18, 1904
George S. Clark	June 13, 1904

### Knighted in Other Commanderies

Williston Grinnell, Knighted Palestine, Belfast; Edwin J. Wardwell, Knighted Monroe, No. 12, Rochester, N. Y.; Horace W. Stewart, Knighted St. Omer, Waterville; William H. Young, Knighted Maine, No. 1, Gardiner.



## *Members Died*

(Names arranged in order of joining Commandery)

Leander M. Kenniston	May 27, 1916
Stephen G. Ritterbush	September 14, 1927
George T. Hodgman	March 4, 1926
Charles A. Wilson	January 5, 1925
Luie M. Chandler	January 17, 1926
Reuel Robinson	June 19, 1927
Edwin C. Fletcher	January 1, 1918
Williston Grinnell	July 23, 1911
Thomas D. French	June 7, 1911
Elkanah E. Boynton	April 23, 1929
J. Tyleston Gould	June 25, 1914
Stephen Y. Weidman	December 29, 1923
Jacob N. Hary	May 23, 1928
William H. Young	December 25, 1916
James N. Fowler	June 19, 1918
William H. Eells	April 18, 1917
Wilfred C. Rodgers	April 23, 1920
Samuel M. Butterfield	March 15, 1911
Lewis D. Evans	December 12, 1922
Orborne A. Barbour	April 10, 1927
Charles P. Nash	January 1, 1913
Orris I. Gould	May 3, 1917
Jesse H. Ogier	November 1, 1920
Theodore M. Hill	May 20, 1924
Fred E. Sylvester	February 1, 1913
Wilson D. Barron	November 9, 1927
Edwin M. Sanford	July 21, 1922
Henry J. Cole	August 23, 1916
Edwin L. Clayter	March 1, 1912
Henry H. Tolman	June 1, 1921
Frank O. Clark	December 8, 1921
Forrest G. Currier	June 24, 1919
Theodore Munroe	October 2, 1926
Henry D. Storey	June 24, 1927
Antonio Anastasia	May 24, 1916
Martin E. Whitmore	June 21, 1927
B. Edwin Erickson	May 10, 1928
Herbert M. Rankin	April 3, 1929
Howard S. Ingraham	November 26, 1928
William F. Burkett	December 25, 1927
Richard Parkinson	February 19, 1930

## Members Dimitted

(Names arranged in order of joining Commandery)

Williard S. Giles	December 11, 1917
George A. Shorkley	September 8, 1914
Horace W. Stewart	February 8, 1910
Job H. Montgomery	December 8, 1913
Herbert L. Shepherd	September 11, 1917
Edwin Amesbury	January 10, 1911
Frank A. Magune	September 12, 1916
Ernest G. Lamb	October 11, 1927
Enos E. Ingraham	September 11, 1917
Charles S. Nash	January 11, 1916
Nathaniel Cummings	January 9, 1917
Ernest I. Woster	October 9, 1917
George L. Thorndike	October 11, 1927
Benjamin P. Wood	September 11, 1928
Andrew G. Littlefield	May 9, 1920
Hubert M. Wardwell	Sept. 13, 1927
William O. Roberts	December 11, 1928
Addison G. Young	August 1, 1926
Walter F. Clark	October 9, 1928
Henry T. Lamb	October 9, 1928
Harry P. Leavitt	September 9, 1924
Clarence A. Phillips	May 14, 1929
Frank L. Gilmore	September 10, 1929
Grover C. Carver	September 11, 1928

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## Membership

1905	36	1906	40	1907	47	1908	51
1909	68	1910	75	1911	87	1912	91
1913	96	1914	95	1915	95	1916	100
1917	96	1918	91	1919	88	1920	97
1921	107	1922	139	1923	148	1924	154
1925	159	1926	172	1927	174	1928	176
1929	169	1930	168				



# PRINCIPAL OFFICERS OF CAMDEN COMMANDERY

Year	Eminent Commander	Recorder	Treasurer	Prelate
1905 U. D.	Leander M. Kenniston	George E. Allen	George A. Tuttle	Charles G. Weaver
1906 U. D.	Leander M. Kenniston	George E. Allen	George A. Tuttle	Charles G. Weaver
1907	Leander M. Kenniston	George E. Allen	George A. Tuttle	Alfred F. Beverage
1908	Joseph F. Shepherd	George E. Allen	George A. Tuttle	George W. Varney
1908	Elkanah E. Boynton	John F. Coombs	George A. Tuttle	Jesse H. Ogier
1909	Reuel Robinson	Charles P. Nash	George A. Tuttle	James F. Burgess
1910	J. Tyleston Gould	Charles P. Nash	George A. Tuttle	Reuel Robinson
1911	Charles G. Weaver	Charles P. Nash	George A. Tuttle	Reuel Robinson
1912	Jesse H. Ogier	George S. Clark	George A. Tuttle	Reuel Robinson
1913	Alfred F. Beverage	George S. Clark	George A. Tuttle	Reuel Robinson
1914	Charles A. Wilson	George S. Clark	George A. Tuttle	Reuel Robinson
1915	George A. Tuttle	Andrew G. Littlefield	George E. Allen	Reuel Robinson
1916	Allie O. Pillsbury	Leslie D. Ames	George E. Allen	Reuel Robinson
1917	Edwin F. Burkett	Leslie D. Ames	George E. Allen	Reuel Robinson
1918	William F. Rankin	Leslie D. Ames	George E. Allen	Reuel Robinson
1919	George E. Allen	Leslie D. Ames	Charles C. Wood	Reuel Robinson
1920	Leslie D. Ames	Charles A. Wilson	Charles C. Wood	Reuel Robinson
1921	Frank J. McDonnell	Charles A. Wilson	Charles C. Wood	Reuel Robinson
1922	John L. Tewksbury	Charles A. Wilson	Charles C. Wood	Reuel Robinson
1923	James F. Burgess	Charles A. Wilson	Charles C. Wood	Reuel Robinson
1924	William L. Bassick	John L. Tewksbury	Charles C. Wood	William F. Rankin
1925	Howard D. Small	John L. Tewksbury	Charles C. Wood	William F. Rankin
1926	Harold S. Corthell	John L. Tewksbury	Charles C. Wood	William F. Rankin
1927	Benjamin C. G. Burkett	John L. Tewksbury	Charles C. Wood	William F. Rankin
1928	Alfred F. Sherman	John L. Tewksbury	Charles C. Wood	William F. Rankin
1929	Charles E. Moore	John L. Tewksbury	Charles C. Wood	William F. Rankin

# Camden Commandery War Veterans

## **Civil War**

† \*Charles Pitman Nash  
\*Theodore D. Munroe

## **Spanish War**

†Allie O. Pillsbury  
Willard C. Pooler  
Geo. A. Shorkley

## **World War**

### **Service in the Army**

Col. Ernest A. Robbins  
Lieut. Lewis G. Tewksbury  
Sergeant Alphonso S. Prince  
Sergeant Clayton R. McCobb  
†Sergeant Frank J. McDonnell  
Sergeant John J. Kennedy  
Private Louis C. Sawyer  
Corporal William G. Stover  
†Private Allie O. Pillsbury  
Private Charles W. Coombs  
Private Edwin French  
Private John Salisbury  
Capt. William G. LeFurgy

### **Service in the Navy**

Lieut. Commander John E. Husby  
Lieut. j. g. Earle F. Wilson  
Ensign Frederick F. Richards  
Ensign Alec N. Paige  
Ensign John F. Heald  
Ensign Walter P. Conley  
\*Ensign William F. Burkett  
Ensign Ernest G. Lamb

### **Y. M. C. A. Service**

John Taylor

\*Deceased

†Service record given in biography



Colonel Ernest A. Robbins served for many years in the Maryland National Guard, and in April 1917 went overseas with the 58th Infantry Brigade, 29th Division, holding the rank of Major and Brigade Adjutant until August, 1918.

Lieut. Colonel and Adjutant General of the 7th Army Corps, A. E. F. August to September 1918.

Lieut. Colonel and Adjutant General 6th Army Corps, A. E. F. September to November 1918.

Colonel and Adjutant General 4th Army Corps, A. E. F. and Army of Occupation, November 1918 to June 1919.

Member of General Courts Martial, Headquarters, District of Paris, A. E. F. Paris, France, June 19 to December 1919.

Located at Camp McClellan, Alabama, Haute Alsace Sector, near Belfort, France, Voges Mountains, Pont-a-Mousson, Argonne, Cochem-on-Moselle, Germany; Paris, France. Overseas nineteen months.

Lieutenant Lewis G. Tewksbury commissioned First Lieutenant in the Dental Corps August 17, 1917, discharged December 18, 1918. Service at Camp Greenleaf and General Hospital No. 14, Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.

Sergeant Alphonso S. Prince, entered the service October 3, 1917 as a member of Battery "D" 303rd Field Artillery. He spent eleven months in the United States and was overseas eleven months, being discharged May 1, 1919.

Sergeant Clayton R. McCobb enlisted in the First Maine Heavy Field Artillery, October 10, 1917 and spent the winter at Camp Green, Charlotte, N. C., and the summer of 1918 at Camp Wadsworth, Spartenburg, S. C.

Previous to sailing for France in August 1918, the outfit was reorganized as the 56th Pioneer Infantry. He served through the Meuse Argonne offensive, with the Army of Occupation after the Armistice, at Coblenz, Germany, remaining until May 1919. Discharged at Camp Dix, N. J., June 24, 1919.

First Sergeant John J. Kennedy enlisted at Worcester, Mass., in the 324th Supply Company attached to the 2nd and 26th Divisions in October, 1917.

He served in the A. E. F. overseas fourteen months and was discharged July 10, 1919.

Corporal William G. Stover enlisted at Fort Slocum, N. Y., February 14, 1918, served in the Chemical Warfare Service and stationed at the Edgewood Arsenal, Edgewood, Maryland. Discharged February 18, 1919. Service in the Maine National Guard as Captain of the 3rd Company Coast Artillery.

Charles W. Coombs, private first class, Battery A, 303rd Heavy Field Artillery, service period from September 1917 to May 1, 1919, ten months domestic service, ten months foreign service and was on an active sector at the front for a short period.

Louis C. Sawyer was a member of Company B., 301st Supply Train of the 76th Division, service in France.

William Godfrey Le Furgy served in an Infantry Training Camp at New York City from September to December 18, 1918. Since the war he has been commissioned Captain in the Medical Reserve Corps.

Henry J. Pettapiece enlisted in Canadian Motor Transport, July 1, 1918 and discharged August 23, 1919, one year's service in England.

Lieut. Commander John E. Husby entered the service as Lieut. Junior Grade as Executive officer of the "Fairmont" January, 1918

October 1, 1917 he was promoted to Lieut. Commander and given command of the William N. Page, a cargo vessel carrying locomotives, guns and provisions from New York to France. He was discharged February 18, 1922.



Earle Farnsworth Wilson, Lieutenant, j. g., U. S. N. R. F. (Aviation), enlisted July 17, 1917, discharged June 25, 1919. Served as Pilot Instructor and Aerial Gunnery Pilot at U. S. Naval Flying School, Pensacola, Florida.

Ensign Frederick F. Richards was a midshipman at the United States Naval Academy from June 25, 1918 to June 2, 1922. Commissioned Ensign U. S. Navy, June 2, 1922 and discharged July 31, 1924.

Walter P. Conley served in the Naval Reserve Force, Armed Guard from July 12, 1917 to January 27, 1919. Located at the Harvard Radio School, Brooklyn Naval Armed Guard and made four voyages to France. Rank Radio Officer Second Class.

John Foster Heald served in the Quartermaster's Department in the Navy and made several trips to France.

William Forrest Burkett enlisted in the U. S. Naval Reserve Force, May 25, 1917 at Rockland, Me. He served at the Rockland Receiving Ship as First Class Plumber and Fitter, having charge of all the plumbing and heating on the Coast Patrol boats stationed here. In 1918 he was transferred to Commonwealth Pier for sea duty, but was taken sick with influenza and admitted to the Chelsea Naval Hospital for treatment. From November 1918 to February 1919 he was stationed at Portland, Me. He was at Hingham, Mass., for a short time and was released from active duty, February 13, 1919 and at the expiration of his enrollment May 24, 1921 was honorably discharged.

Ernest G. Lamb was probably the first Camden man to enlist in the World War. Although beyond the draft age, he responded to the President's call for volunteers March 23, 1917 and served in the Navy for two years during the War.

Record of Service of George Shorkley in National Guard, Pa.

Enlisted, age 18, Co. A, 12th Inf., March 11, 1890.

Corporal June 17, 1891.

First Sergeant, April 2, 1892.

Second Lieutenant, July 28, 1893.

First Lieutenant, April 30, 1898

Entered U. S. Volunteer Service, Span. A. War, May 12, 1898.

Mustered out of U. S. Service, October 29, 1898.

Resigned from N. G. P. (Removal from Pa.) December 3, 1899.

#### Spanish-American War Service

1st Lieutenant, 12th Pa. Vol. Inf.

Enrolled April 27, 1898.

Mustered in May 12, 1898.

Mustered out October 29, 1898

#### Service with National Guard State of Maine

1st Lieut. Bat. Adjt., 1st Rgt. Inf. Nov. 30, 1907.

Honorably dischd. by reason of transfer of 1st Inf. to Coast Artillery Corps, Dec. 31, 1909.

1st Lieutenant, Med. Reserve Corps April 27, 1910.

Resigned by reason of removal from Me., July 28, 1913

#### Service with National Guard State of Washington

Enlisted at Private, 1st Pro. Inf. Co. NGW, May 8, 1916

Commissioned Capt. 2nd, Wn. Inf. May 9, 1916.

#### In Federal Service

Mexican Border Service, June 28, 1916 to Oct. 8, 1916.

Responded to Call of President (World War) March 25, 1917.

2nd, Wn. Inf. drafted into U. S. Army (161st Inf.) Aug. 5, 1917.

#### Service in U. S. Army, World War and Since

Capt. 161st Inf., March 25, 1917 to April 5, 1919.

Maj. Inf., April 5, 1919 to Nov. 6, 1929. (Active duty to August 16, 1919, when mustered out at close of World War. Reserve Corps, remainder of time.) Maj. Med. Corps, U. S. Army, Res. Nov. 7, 1929 to date.

Overseas in A. E. F., Dec. 13, 1917 to July 29, 1919.

Eminent Sir Shorkley is at the present time (1930) Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Washington, and the Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of Maine near the Grand Commandery of Washington.



### Record of Alec W. Paige

Alec W. Paige first enlisted March 27, 1906 at Mare Island, California, stationed on receiving ship U. S. S. Independence, transferred to U. S. S. Cleveland, serving on board two years on Central American duty; transferred to U. S. S. Pennsylvania, doing West Coast duty; honorably discharged at Bremington, Washington, 1910.

Reenlisted and transferred to U. S. S. Albany for duty at Asiatic Station, China, Japan and Philippine Islands; transferred to U. S. S. Calleo for gunboat duty surpressing piracy on South China Rivers. 1913 transferred to U. S. S. Glazier for passage home, honorably discharged at San Francisco, 1914.

Reenlisted and transferred to U. S. S. Navajo, stationed at Honolulu; transferred to U. S. S. Pittsburg, 1916.

April 1917, serving on the Pittsburg at outbreak of war, stationed at San Diego, sailed under sealed orders for all Central and South American Republics to line them up for the allied side during war.

September 1917 stationed at Rio Janerio, Brazil, searching So. Atlantic for raiders. Transferred January 1918 to U. S. S. Glazier for discharge at New York City.

Reenlisted May 1918, transferred to U. S. S. Mine Laying Base, North Sea, later transferred to U. S. S. Robin (mine sweeper) and cleaned the North Sea up of all mines.

1919 transferred to Boston Recruiting Station for recruiting duty until 1922, and honorably discharged.

Reenlisted and transferred to U. S. S. Destroyer Lamson for European duty to 1926. Honorably discharged at Norfolk, Va., and transferred to retired list holding five honorable discharges, receiving Nicaraguan Campaign medal, Mexican Campaign medal, World War medal and Service Medal.

Member of North Sea Mining Association, Veteran of Foreign Wars, Fleet Naval Reserve Association, Army and Navy Union and American Legion.

Rating: Chief Gunner's Mate, U. S. N.

# *Members of Camden Commandery*

*February 10, 1930*

Allen, George E.	Corthell, Harold S.
Allen, Hervey C.	Crane, Lawrence H.
Alexander, Frank P.	Crosby, Elbert M.
Ames, Arthur P.	Cucinotta, Guy
Ames, Leslie D.	Currier, Harold S.
Ames, Robie F.	Currier, Herbert W.
Arau, Sylvester L.	Currier, Herbert W., Jr.
Arey, David K.	Dangler, Edward
Arey, Leslie B.	Dearborn, Forrest E.
Babb, Charles W.	Dickens, Daniel J.
Babb, George A.	Dwinal, Zelma M.
Bailey, Chester L.	Dyer, George E.
Bassick, William L.	Elmore, Andrew V.
Beverage, Alfred F.	Elwell, Fred W.
Bowden, William W.	Emery, Oscar H.
Boynton, George E.	Fairfield, Pearl V.
Bracey, Eugene L.	French, Edwin
Brewster, Joseph A.	French, M. Alton
Brown, Cyrus P.	Frohock, Llewellyn
Brown, Ora R.	Gilchrist, G. Fred
Burgess, James F.	Glaentzel, George H.
Burkett, Benjamin C. G.	Goodwin, Edward
Burkett, Edwin F.	Gross, L. Orville
Calder, Finlay H.	Grant, George E.
Cavanaugh, Charles A.	Green, Archibald F.
Cleveland, Charles A.	Green, William S.
Conary, Leslie M.	Groves, Walter C.
Conary, Clifton V.	Hale, George L.
Conley, Walter P.	Hall, George A.
Coombs, A. Perry	Hansen, Adolph S. J.
Coombs, Colin L.	Hary, Louis J.
Coombs, John F.	Hastings, Sterling W.
Coombs, Charles W.	Heald, J. Foster
Coombs, Samuel	Hemple, Christian L. H.
Coombs, Wellington M.	Higgins, Lewis F.



Hobbs, Josiah H.	Paul, John J.
Hopkins, Adin L.	Pendleton, Joseph A.
Hopkins, Carl H.	Pendleton, Lloyd R.
Hopkins, C. Kendall	Philbrook, Loring
Hosmer, Arthur C.	Pillsbury, Allie O.
Hosmer, William A.	Pettapiece, Henry J.
Howe, Lucius W.	Pooler, Willard C.
Howe, Willard C.	Porter, Maynard S.
Hunt, Thomas A.	Potter, H. Jay
Husby, John F.	Powers, Frederick
Jamieson, Robert W.	Prince, Alphonso S.
Joy, Charles H.	Proctor, Daniel L.
Joyce, Elmer E.	Rankin, William F.
Kennedy, John J.	Reed, Elmer
Leach, Edwin S.	Richards, Clarence
Le Furgy, William G.	Richards, Frederick F.
Lewis, Albert E.	Richards, Harry C.
Long, Millard B.	Richardson, William P.
Lord, Charles E.	Robbins, Ernest A., Jr.
MacLeod, Malcolm	Rodgers, Mark
McCobb, Clayton R.	Ryder, George W.
McDermott, Leroy E.	Salisbury, John K.
McDonnell, Frank J.	Sawyer, Louis C.
Mathews, John F.	Shepherd, Joseph F.
Miller, Fessenden W.	Sherman, Alfred F.
Montgomery, Charles O.	Simpson, Fred T.
Moore, Charles E.	Simpson, Samuel T.
Morrow, Frank E.	Small, Howard D.
Mullen, Arthur T.	Smith, Leslie E.
Murphy, William E.	Snow, Ernest H.
Nash, George E.	Sprague, Horace W.
Nash, Harold H.	Staples, Owen C.
Norton, Glenn L.	Stover, William G.
Nutt, C. Arthur	Taylor, John
Packard, Bertram E.	Tewksbury, John L.
Paige, Alec W.	Tewksbury, Lewis G.
Parkinson, Richard *	Thomas, Frederick F.
Parsons, Albert H.	Thomas, Philip H.
Paul, Benjamin H.	Thorndike, Ephriam B.

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Thurston, Edward K.	Wardwell, Libbeus B.
Tinker, Eugene H.	Watson, William E.
Trim, Melvin R.	Weaver, Charles G.
Tuttle, George A.	Webster, Arthur P.
Varney, George W.	Wiley, Frank J.
Wade, Roland O.	Willey, Pearl G.
Wagner, J. Arthur	Williams, Amasa E.
Wall, Bertie V.	Wilson, Earle F.
Walker, Arthur H.	Wood, Charles C.
Wardwell, Edward J.	Young, Guy W.

\*Deceased



# *By-Laws of Camden Commandery*

## *No. 23, K. T.*

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### ARTICLE I

#### **Name**

SECTION I. The title, rank and style of this Commandery is Camden Commandery, No. 23, Knights Templar.

### ARTICLE II

#### **Officers and Members**

SEC. I. Camden Commandery shall consist of an Eminent Commander, Generalissimo, Captain General, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Prelate, Treasurer, Recorder, Standard Bearer, Sword Bearer, Warder, three Guards, Sentinel, such Knights Templar as receive the orders therein and as many Sir Knights of the Order as shall be duly admitted members thereof.

SEC. II. The Eminent Commander, Generalissimo, Captain General, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Prelate, Treasurer, Recorder, Standard Bearer, Sword Bearer and Warder, shall be elected by written ballot, at the Stated Conclave in September, and the other officers shall be appointed by the Eminent Commander as soon as convenient after his installation; and all shall hold their respective offices until their successors shall be duly installed.

SEC. III. It shall be the duty of every Sir Knight accepting office to be present at each conclave, or furnish a substitute duly qualified to perform the duties of the office.

### ARTICLE III

SEC. I. The Stated Conclave of the Commandery shall be held on the second Tuesday of each month, at 7.30 P. M., provided, however, the Commandery may stand closed during the months of July and August.

SEC. II. The Annual Conclave shall be held on the second Tuesday of September.

SEC. III. Special Conclaves may be called by the Commander at his discretion.

### ARTICLE IV

#### **Duties of Officers**

SEC. I. The officers of the Commandery shall exercise the authority and perform the duties prescribed by the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment of the United States, the statutes

and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Maine, the Ritual of the Order, and these By-Laws.

SEC. II. The Treasurer, after his official bond shall be approved by the Finance Committee, and after his installation, shall receive in charge all funds and property of the Commandery and revenue from the Recorder; pay all bills approved by the Finance Committee, or ordered paid by vote of the Commandery; shall keep, and at each Annual Conclave, render a just and true account of such receipts and payments, and deliver to his duly installed successor all property of the Commandery remaining in his possession. He shall, prior to his installation, give to the Eminent Commander and his successor or successors in office, for the Commandery, a bond duly approved by the Finance Committee, for the faithful discharge of his duties, and may receive for his service such compensation as the Commandery shall vote.

SEC. III. If required by the Commandery, the Recorder shall, prior to his installation, give to the Eminent Commander, his successor or successors in office, for the Commandery, a bond approved by the Finance Committee, for the faithful discharge of his duties; he shall issue notifications of the Conclave to members, observe and keep true record of the proceedings of the Commandery at its Conclaves, collect the revenue and pay it over to the Treasurer monthly, taking his receipt therefor; make and transmit annual returns, as required by the Constitution of the Grand Commandery; keep a true account of moneys received and paid by him; keep a book to be entitled "Book of Abstracts of Camden Commandery," in which shall be entered the names of members, when elected, when each order was conferred, their residences, occupation, dates and places of birth and death, and such other memorabilia concerning them as may be interesting. He shall deliver to his successor all books, papers and other property of the Commandery remaining in his hands. He shall receive such compensation for his services as shall be voted by the Commandery.

SEC. IV. The Sentinel shall keep in charge all the furniture, regalia and arms of the Commandery; see that they are kept in good order and ready for use; and at the Annual Conclave shall present a written report of the property in his care. He shall not loan any uniform belonging to any of the members without their written permit. For his services he shall receive such compensation as the Commandery may vote.

SEC. V. The officers of the Commandery shall rank as follows in a Council of The Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, namely:

- Eminent Commander, as Sovereign Master
- Generalissimo, as Prince Chancellor
- Captain General, as Prince Master of the Palace
- Prelate, as Excellent High Priest
- Senior Warden, as Master of Cavalry



Junior Warden, as Master of Infantry; also Comp. Conductor  
Treasurer, as Master of Finance  
Recorder, as Master of Dispatches  
Standard Bearer, as Standard Bearer  
Sword Bearer, as Sword Bearer  
Warder, as Warder  
Sentinel, as Sentinel

SEC. VI. The Eminent Commander shall have power to remove any appointed officer for neglect of duty, and to fill the vacancy so created by appointment.

## ARTICLE V

### Committees

SEC. I. An Auditing Committee of three members shall be elected at each Annual Conclave whose duty it shall be to audit all claims against the Commandery, approve such as in their judgment ought to be paid, examine the books, vouchers and reports of the Treasurer, Recorder and Sentinel, and report thereon in writing at each Annual Conclave.

SEC. II. The Commander, Generalissimo and Captain General shall be ex officio, a Committee of Charity.

SEC. III. All other Committees shall be appointed by the Eminent Commander.

SEC. IV. Special Committees shall report their doings at the Conclave next after their appointment.

## ARTICLE VI

### Applications

SEC. I. Every applicant for the Order of Knighthood in this Commandery shall make written application in the form prescribed by the Grand Commandery of Maine. Each applicant must be recommended by two members of this Commandery. He shall deposit with his application ten dollars, which, if he is accepted, shall be passed to his credit; if he is rejected, it shall be returned to him.

SEC. II. Application for membership by a Sir Knight who has received the Orders in other Commanderies, or by any Sir Knight who was demitted from this Commandery, shall be made in writing, certified by two members of this Commandery, in the same manner as in the case of all applicants, and accompanied by a regular demit and a membership fee of five dollars which, shall be returned to him if he is rejected. If accepted and he neglects to sign the By-Laws within six months, his election shall be void and deposit shall be forfeited.

SEC. III. All applications named in the preceding sections of this Article shall be referred to a Committee of Inquiry, consisting of three members of this Commandery, and shall lie over until the next Stated Conclave thereafter; and no candidate shall be accepted, nor

Knight Templar admitted a member of this Commandery, except on the report of said Committee and the unanimous vote of all members present at the time of balloting.

SEC. IV. No ballot shall be taken on the application of any candidate for the Orders, or for membership, unless notice of balloting shall have been given in the summonses calling said Conclave.

SEC. V. No application shall be received unless accompanied by the required deposit, and no Order shall be conferred unless the fee for conferring the same shall have been paid to the Recorder.

## ARTICLE VII

### Fees and Dues

SEC. I. The fees for the several Orders of Knighthood in this Commandery shall be forty dollars, (including the deposit), payable in advance, apportioned as follows, namely: for the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, including deposit, twenty-five dollars; for the Order of the Temple and Malta, fifteen dollars; for the Order of the Temple and Malta on one who has received the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross elsewhere, twenty dollars; for the Order of Malta on one who has received the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross and the Order of the Temple elsewhere, five dollars.

SEC. II. Annual dues of five dollars shall be charged to each member on the second Tuesday of September, payable in advance at the Stated Conclave in September.

SEC. III. It is hereby made the imperative duty of the Recorder to report at the Annual Conclave of each year, the names of all members in arrears for dues for two years, when if not excused by a vote of the members present, the Eminent Commander shall order a summons to be sent to each of such delinquents to appear at the next Stated Conclave and show cause why he should not be suspended for non payment of dues.

SEC. IV. Any Sir Knight who has been suspended for non payment of dues as provided in the preceding section, and wishes to be restored, must make a written application at a Stated Conclave for restoration to good standing as a Knight Templar, accompanied by such sum as the Commandery may exact; a ballot will be had, and if a majority of the ballots cast are in favor of the petitioner he is at once restored to good standing as a Knight Templar. Should he then desire to become a member of this Commandery he must petition therefor, setting forth the fact of his suspension and restoration; and upon receiving the unanimous ballot the petitioner is elected to full membership.

## ARTICLE VIII

### Discipline, Etc.

SEC. I. Any member guilty of any immoral or unmasonic conduct shall, on the first complaint, be admonished by one or more of the



first three officers, unless, in the judgment of the Eminent Commander, immediate action should be taken. But any Knight Templar in good standing may file charges against any member with the Eminent Commander, who shall give direction to them as, in his judgment, the good of the Order requires.

SEC. II. The Knights shall address each other while in the Commandery by the title of Sir Knight or Sir———, and shall observe on all occasions the kindest and most courteous behavior towards each other.

SEC. III. No spirituous liquors shall be provided by, or at the charge of this Commandery as a beverage on any occasion whatever, nor be used in the Asylum or ante-rooms, and their use upon any Masonic occasion is discountenanced.

SEC. IV. Members of this Commandery are requested not to visit, when in the Knight Templar uniform, a public place devoted to the sale of spirituous liquors. Any Sir Knight wilfully disregarding this request is liable to a reprimand.

SEC. V. Every member present when a ballot is taken is required to vote unless excused by the Eminent Commander before the balloting has commenced.

SEC. VI. When a candidate, either for membership or for the Orders, is rejected, no member shall question another as to his vote, declare his own or complain of the result, under penalty of censure or reprimand.

SEC. VII. No Sir Knight shall wear any jewel, insignia, badge or uniform other than that belonging to the Masonic Order at the same time or with his Knight Templar uniform.

## ARTICLE IX

### Uniform

SEC. I. The uniform of Sir Knights in this Commandery shall be the so-called "black uniform," as sanctioned by the Grand Encampment of the United States, and the Grand Commandery of Maine, or shall be the uniform prescribed by the Grand Encampment of the United States.

SEC. II. Sir Knights shall appear in the costume of the Order at the Conclaves of the Commandery, unless excused by the Eminent Commander.

## ARTICLE X

### Amendments

SEC. I. No amendment can be made to these By-Laws except upon a proposition in writing presented at a Stated Conclave by some member, which proposition shall lie over until the next Stated Conclave, and notice thereof shall be given to the members in the printed

notices of the Conclave at which the amendment is to be acted upon, and the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members, shall be necessary for its adoption.

Approved by the Grand Commandery, May 9, 1907.

In Grand Commandery of Maine, May 9, 1907.

The By-Laws of Camden Commandery, No. 23, are hereby approved.

Attest: STEPHEN BERRY, Grand Recorder.

In Grand Commandery of Maine, May 8, 1924.

The Amendment of the By-Laws of Camden Commandery, No. 23, providing for an increase in dues from \$3.00 to \$5.00 and providing for an Auditing Committee, are hereby approved.

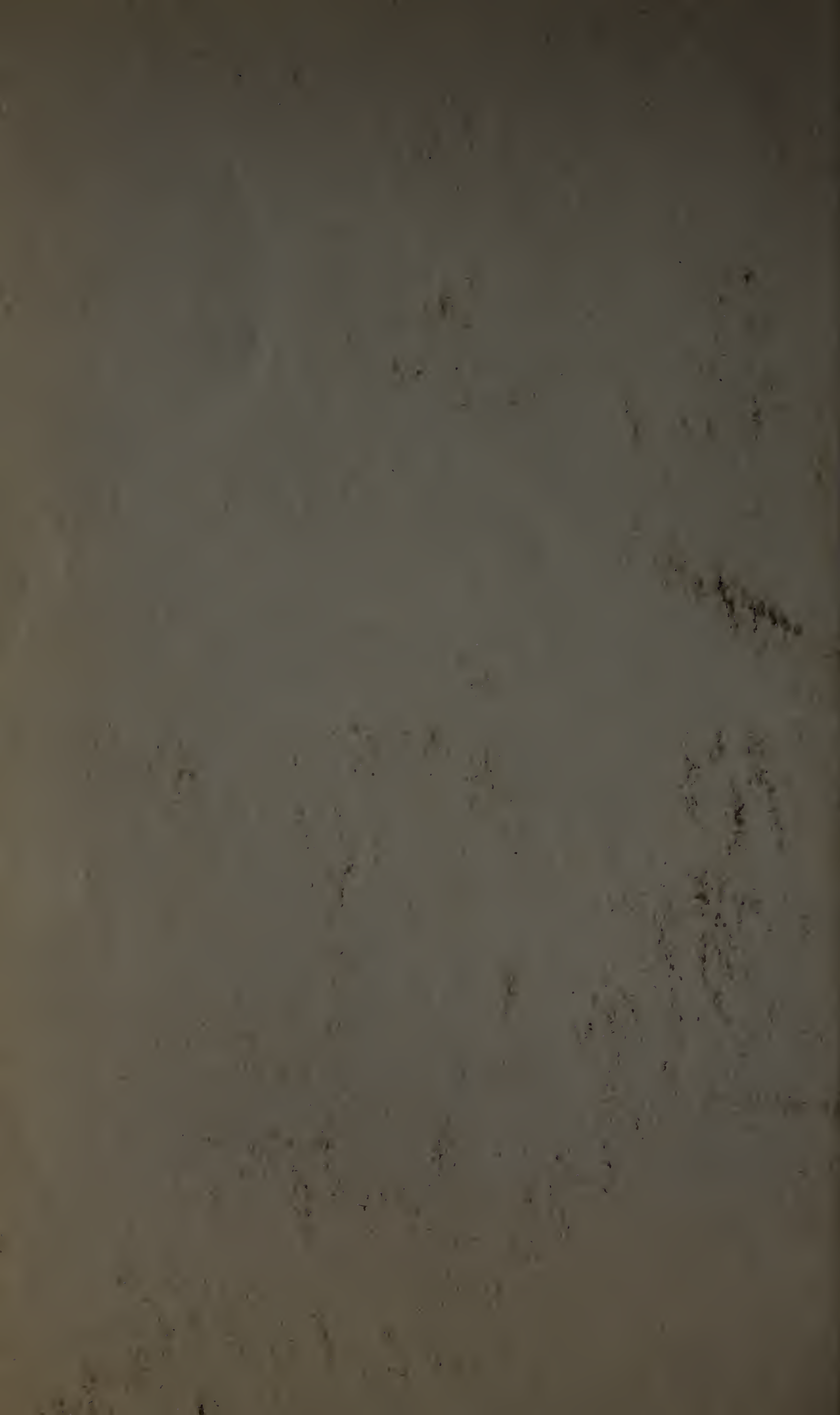
Attest: CHARLES B. DAVIS, Grand Recorder.

















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